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U.S. PROPOSES DRASTIC CUT IN VETO POWER

A Million Homeless In India Floods

Bombay, Sept. 17. An estimated 1,000,000 persons were today reported driven from their homes as flood waters of the Ganges and the Yamuna rivers raged across the thickly populated districts.

About 950 villages in the northern districts of Allahabad, Benares, Ballia, Jangpur and Banah are under water. All available boats have been pushed to the rescue of the villagers, some of whom are reported to be clinging precariously to tree trunks and eating leaves for sustenance.

The floods are reported to have destroyed an estimated 18,000 cattle and thousands of tons of badly needed crops.

United Press.

Monetary Fund Aids Britain

London, Sept. 17. Mr. Camille Gutt, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said today that Britain can withdraw up to \$217,000,000 in the next 12 months from the Fund to help tide her over her economic crisis without paying any interest.

Britain made her initial withdrawal of \$50,000,000 last night, paying for it in sterling.

British Treasury sources said Britain, within a month, may have to make another withdrawal from the Fund.

"Perhaps she will sell more of her gold reserves to get dollars to pay for American imports," Mr. Gutt explained in details surrounding Britain's initial withdrawal from the Fund at a press conference held jointly by the Fund and the International Bank in connection with their joint second annual meeting.

British press reports on the transaction alleged Britain was liable to interest amounting to 20 per cent on a withdrawal.

Altogether Britain can withdraw up to \$31,000,000 in the present 12 months, and up to \$225,000,000 a year for the following four years, Mr. Gutt said.

Because of the nature of Britain's gold and sterling subscription to the Fund, he said, she can buy first \$217,000,000 without paying any interest.

United Press.

Marshall's Dramatic Appeal To U.N.O.

Flushing, N.Y., Sept. 17. U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall announced today that the United States' willingness to accept drastic limitation of the Big Five veto power in the Security Council.

He formally proposed the creation of a 55-nation standing committee of the United Nations General Assembly to remain in continuous session.

His dramatic proposals were a confession of the Security Council's complete failure.

The suggestion for a "watch dog" committee of all the United Nations would be tantamount to the setting up of a year-round "Little Assembly" to keep an eye on the world and the Security Council and to step in with recommendations whenever the Security Council fails to act as it habitually has done.

Speaking in the Second Assembly's general debate, which opened today, this was General Marshall's first shot in the current phase of the American-Soviet diplomatic war.

Soviet delegate Vishinsky was scheduled to answer later in the day.

Pulled No Punches

General Marshall minced no words.

He warned that the world faces a crisis and reminded Assembly delegates that people everywhere fear a "new and more terrible conflict will engulf them."

He left no doubt that he placed most, if not all, of the blame for the world's chaotic condition at the feet of the Soviet Union.

He bluntly accused the Soviet Union of preventing United Nations action to stop "hostile and aggressive" acts against Greece, and placed all blame for the delay in independence for Korea on the Russians.

The Weather

A moderate anticyclone covers China and a weak depression has developed over the Gulf of Tonkin. A large area of low pressure covers the Pacific E. of the Ryukyu and Japan.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate E. winds, cloudy with periods of rain.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 82.3 deg. F. Min.: 70.7 deg. F. Humidity: 75.8 deg. F. Rainfall: 4.9 inches. Total since Sept. 1: 219.7 mm. = 8.65 inches. Against an average of 184.8 mm. = 7.27 inches.

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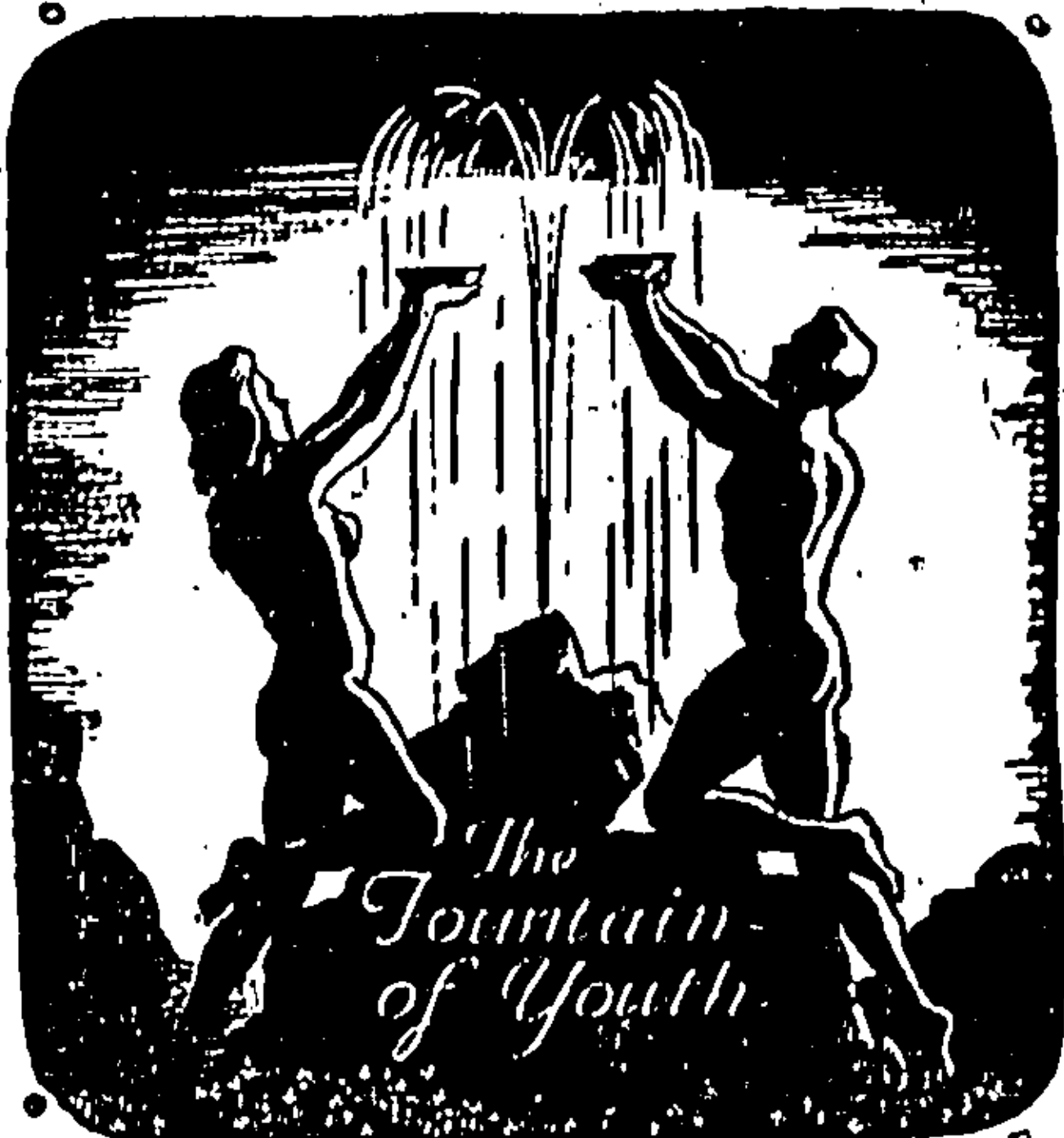


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CHINA HINTS AT BACKING SOVIET OVER JAP PEACE

Washington, Sept. 16.

Administration officials are showing increasing concern over indications that China may be thinking of joining the Soviet Union in a boycott of the 11-nation preliminary Japanese peace conference as suggested by the United States.

Such indications have been contained in recent statements by the Chinese Foreign Minister, Wang Shih-chieh, and the Vice-President, Dr. Sun Fo.

Opinion here is somewhat divided as to the motive of the Chinese statements. Some believe the Chinese are attempting to induce in a form of "blackmail" against the United States by threatening to stay away if Russia pursues her present intention not to attend.

Reasoning in these circles is that China, by holding out such a threat, hopes to influence the U.S. into a favorable decision on the granting of economic aid to China.

If such is China's intention, it is a "naïve" effort. Experts insist that China cannot draw closer to Russia with any success, and that Nanking's only international hope is Washington.

Serious View

However, other officials take a more serious view of recent statements, such as that of Dr. Sun Fo, who suggested Russia would adopt a more friendly policy toward China if the latter were not so closely linked up with the United States. They believe such an utterance may stem from a sincere Chinese desire to effect better working relations with Russia.

Those who oppose this view, point to Sun Fo's statements of last month and earlier, in which he was bitterly critical of Russia.

Said one source in close touch with the Chinese situation: "Do you suppose Sun Fo himself really thinks he could establish closer relations with Russia, after those remarks?" All quarters agree that China's manifestation of wavering on joining in the treaty conference might present the United States with a complicated problem.

Top officials have decided to go ahead and issue invitations to an 11-nation session, hoping that Russia will change her mind and decide to participate, but they are prepared to proceed without the Soviet if necessary.

It is quite possible that within the next few days, and before the issue of conference invitations, the United States may ask China for a definite statement on the Chinese position.

Statement

In Nanking, Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh, now in the United States, is expected to second a motion of the U.N. General Assembly, will use his per-

sonal influence to persuade the delegates of the governments represented on the 11-member commission to participate in the peace confab of Japan in Paris, Information Director Hollington Tong said today.

He was speaking on behalf of Foreign Ministry spokesman George Yeh, at a news conference.

He said China considered the peace settlement for Japan would be incompetent and inconclusive unless it is made and supported by all the nations concerned.

For this reason, the Chinese Government is making continuous efforts to secure full attendance at the peace meeting of all governments in the interest of peace with Japan. — United Press and Associated Press.

Food Parcels For Britain

The following statement is issued by the Post Master General:

An anonymous correspondent to the South China Morning Post, September 17, 1947, has raised the question of delays to parcels to Great Britain. He suggests that parcels posted in Hong Kong on the 26th and 27th June were not despatched in the "Empress of Scotland."

As a matter of fact all parcels for Great Britain which were posted up to noon on the 26th were despatched by the "Empress of Scotland," a total of 2,434 parcels, and another despatch of 1,062 was sent by the "Glenagarry" on the 7th of July. A further despatch of 645 parcels was sent by the "Trevelick" on the 12th of July. This was the first despatch of specially bagged "Gift Food" parcels for which, as previously announced, special arrangements had been made through the courtesy of His Majesty's Postmaster General, G.P.O., London, for the speedier disposal of food parcels by the Customs Examination Staff. It is probably due to this special arrangement that the parcels posted on July 8 were delivered on the 31st August.

The correspondent in question, and the public may be assured that parcels are not delayed in this Post Office. Considerations of space alone make it essential for the Post Office to clear them at the earliest opportunity.

Sterling-Dollar Swap Approved

London, Sept. 16.

The International Monetary Fund has agreed to provide \$50,000,000 in exchange for sterling within the next few days, the Treasury announced tonight.

Meanwhile, the International Bank and International Monetary Fund, comprising more than 850 member countries, have made such headway during the past few days that their second annual meeting, scheduled to last two weeks, and here tomorrow after only seven days' deliberations.

The Commonwealth and colonial delegates, however, are to remain behind in London for informal dollar talks with Treasury officials.

They hope to eliminate much of the preliminary ground work in preparation for the full round table talks which are expected to be held in November when Empire statesmen will be here for the Royal wedding.

Observers who are in view of the worsening of the world economic position, had expected dramatic developments from the conference of two British World Bank officials.

For it resulted merely in the formal ratification of a number of outstanding items. — Reuters.

Drop In British Securities

London, Sept. 15.

The outstanding movement of the day's markets was the sharp decline in British Government stocks the market being unsettled by the sale of \$20,000,000 of gold to the Federal Reserve Bank. Losses ranged between half and one and a quarter points.

Industrials were also on the dull side for the greater part of the day but were inclined to be bolder in the final stages.

Commodity shares were firm both for tea and rubber but leading oils lost a little ground mainly as a result of small business.

Foreign bonds were firm but little stock changed hands other than in the German potash loans which went further ahead.

Foreign railways attracted a few buyers while Anglo-Argentine train debentures, after rising 12 points in the initial stages lost half their gains owing to considerable profit-taking.

The closing sessions displayed little of interest with South African bonds showing a slight advance and Canadian bonds a small decline. — Reuters.

Private Traders Pile Up Contracts in Japan

Tokyo, Sept. 17.

Contracts totalling more than US\$1,800,000 resulted in the first two weeks of private foreign trading with Japan, according to Mr. William J. Sebald, Chairman and member for the United States at today's meeting of the Allied Council for Japan.

Speaking on the foreign trade position, Mr. Sebald said that satisfactory progress has been made in private foreign trade arrangements although a number of vital problems remained to be solved.

Among these was the shortage of raw materials needed for the Japanese export industry, such as wool, rayon, pulp, dyestuffs, iron ore and tin-plate.

Another problem of considerable importance was the adjustment of Japan to the new world commercial conditions after almost a decade of isolation.

It might be anticipated, however, that with improvement in the domestic economic situation, assisted by the revival of foreign trade, many of these obstacles to export production would be overcome. — Reuters.

MARRIED MOHAMMEDAN GIRL: CHANGED RELIGION FOR DIVORCE

"I do not think it is a satisfactory state of affairs that a Christian man can change (or appear to change) his religion, marry a Mohammedan girl by Mohammedan Law, and afterwards announce that he has reverted to Christianity, thereby relieving himself of all obligations in regard to the maintenance of his former wife and children."

The above formed the concluding paragraph of Mr. W. A. Blair Kerr's written judgment, delivered at Kowloon yesterday.

In the case in which, Noble Flurschheim was sued by his wife for desertion and neglecting to support herself and the three daughters by the marriage.

It was alleged by Mrs. Siby Flurschheim, the complainant, that she was married to the defendant in December, 1942, according to Mohammedan Law.

They lived together up to January this year when defendant left her for another woman, named Teresa Wilkinson, who worked in his barbershop at the Union Jack Club.

"Another Woman"

The last payment made to her by defendant, said Mrs. Flurschheim, was \$880 in January, after which he refused to support her.

She saw an announcement on May 2 regarding his forthcoming marriage to Teresa Wilkinson.

She was 31 years of age, and complainant, and her husband was 28.

There are three daughters, aged 4½ years, 2 years, and six months respectively.

Defendant, who was represented by Mr. A. O. Arculli, stated that he was manager in the barbershop opened by his mother, Mrs. Tester, at the Union Jack Club.

He was asked by complainant's younger brother in December, 1942, to marry her, and to do so, he changed his religion.

Delivering judgment, His Worship said, in part: "The defendant became friendly with the applicant in 1942 during the Japanese occupation."

"For some unexplained reason, the applicant's brother, Zenudin, who was then a uniformed official employed by the Japanese Gendarmerie, put a certain amount of pressure on the defendant to marry his sister."

"The defendant, who was then a Christian, was persuaded to change his religion to Mohammedanism and two weeks later (i.e. December 12), he and the applicant were married in Hong Kong in accordance with Mohammedan Law and customs."

"I do not think that such pressure as may have been exerted on the defendant in 1942 was of such a nature as to invalidate his conversion to Mohammedanism and his subsequent marriage."

"His Purpose"

"His conversion and marriage suited his purpose for the time being."

"He lived with the applicant up till the end of 1946; there were three children of the marriage, the youngest of which might have been conceived late in 1946."

"Apart from his statement to Mr. Fred Ibbotson, March 1948, there is no evidence that the defendant, prior to that, took any active steps to bring to the notice of the authorities that his marriage was solemnized under Mohammedan Law."

"There is no doubt that the defendant was at all times a Mohammedan, and that he was married to the applicant in accordance with Mohammedan Law."

AIR MINISTER SILENT ON H.K. DROME

"During my 48 hours here, I have been twice round the island and once round the New Territories admiring your beautiful scenery and taking in your hills and valleys. I shall take away with me a pretty clear and full picture of Hong Kong," said Lord Nathan, British Minister for Civil Aviation, at a Press interview yesterday.

Lord Nathan, however, had nothing to say on the future of Hong Kong as one of the main airports on the Empire trunk route.

He refused to discuss or express any opinion as to possibility of its future expansion.

"Any such scheme would have to come from the Colonial Office or from your own Government, and I would of course be consulted," he added.

"I am only the Minister of Civil Aviation in the United Kingdom, and any expansion or improvement of an airfield here is outside my province."

The Air Minister did not express any view as to the possibility of any reduction in fare for air travel to and from Hong Kong.

These fares are governed by international agreement, he said, and any change would have to be approved by the International Air Transport Association.

"On Vacation"

Asked as to his present mission to China, Lord Nathan said he was on vacation.

He had been invited to Nanking by the Chinese Government, with whom the British Government had most recently concluded a bilateral air agreement.

"It is only natural that I should like to meet Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other Chinese leaders, and shake them by the hand as a mark of the happy conclusion of this agreement between our two Governments."

"The Air Minister said the agreement was ratified some six weeks ago and a start had already been made on its implementation, but actual air operations had not yet started."

"Safety First"

Lord Nathan dwelt at some length on the progress that has been made in civil aviation.

He stressed that the policy of the British Government was that safety of air travel is the first consideration, as against the aim for more speed.

He also said that if aviation is to succeed, it must cease to be an adventure and must become a part of the routine of everyday life, just as in the case of train or steamship travel.

"Whenever you have an aircraft accident, you see headlines in the newspapers when, as a matter of fact, so many more people are killed in street accidents every day in London and other big cities."

"A railway or bus accident, on the other hand, is glossed over as more or less a common occurrence."

"The reason for this is obvious. 'People have got used to railways and omnibuses and motorcars as part of their everyday routine, but they have not yet got so much accustomed to the use of aircraft.'"

Lord Nathan gave figures to bear out the high degree of safety that British air lines have attained.

He said one could travel on British air lines with greater safety than by any other means of transport.

"Safety is our first consideration, and it is objective we have set out to achieve, so as to win the confidence of the travelling public."

Lord Nathan gave figures and facts about air accidents.

He said that as a result of bilateral agreements established with various countries, British airlines are now able to circle the globe in all directions.

New Planes

The Air Minister also dwelt on new British-made medium and large transport planes now on the stocks.

"During the war we had to restrict our manufacture of aircraft to military planes, but not so with the Americans who continued to produce not only heavy bombers but also transport planes, and the end of the war we found ourselves without transport machines for civil use."

"It takes from 5 to 7 years from the time a design is first thought out and actually placing a machine in the air fit for operation."

"This means our new designs of machines will not be in operation till the 1950s, but we are making good headway."

"We have in the stock a good many medium as well as some heavy giants, the latter carrying up to 100 passengers and flying at a speed of 6,000 miles, some jet propelled, which after passing the experiments through which they are being put, we hope to have perfected at an early date."

The Brabazon I and D.H.100 were mentioned by Lord Nathan as among those which, when in the air, will be among the giants operating passenger and freight service round Empire trunk lines.

Lord Nathan leaves this morning for Nanking where he will be guest of the Chinese Government.

Lady Nathan returned to London yesterday morning by air.

British M.P.s To Visit China

A Parliamentary delegation from the United Kingdom consisting of Lord Ammon, Lord Amulree, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Harrison, Mr. W. Robert and Mr. M. Lindsay is to visit China in October. The delegation departs from the United Kingdom by air on September 29 arriving in Hong Kong on October 5. They are due at Nanking on October 6. The tour ends at Canton on November 6 leaving Hong Kong by air for Singapore on the same day.



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Health Inspector Faces Charge Of Taking Bribes

William Elijah Allen and Man Kam-fat, charged with accepting bribes from market stallholders, should be granted bail, despite the prosecution's assumption that Crown witnesses might have been tampered with, said Mr. F. M. L. Soares (for Allen) and Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios (for Man) before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

William Elijah Allen (44), Health Inspector, appeared in custody charged with conspiring, between Aug. 1, 1946 and Sept. 1, 1947, with Lee Fu, 32, chief coolie, and Chin Hong, 33, foreman, to obtain bribes from stallholders at the Yau-mat Market.

With Allen, Lee and Chin, appeared Man Kam-fat, 39-year-old beef merchant, residing at 536 Nathan Road, first floor. He was charged with conspiring with Allen, between Sept. 1, 1946 and Sept. 1, 1947, to obtain bribes from stallholders at the Shum-shing Market.

When the case was called yesterday, Mr. F. M. L. Soares, Senior Superintendent of Police, applied for leave to prefer additional charges against Allen, Chin and Man.

"A Fan"

Allen was then additionally charged with accepting on May 5, 1946, an electric ceiling fan and an electric table fan from Li Ping, and conspiring with Man to obtain bribes from stallholders at the Mong Kok Market, between December, 1946 and March, 1947.

Chin was further charged with obtaining the two electric fans from Li Ping and giving them to Allen. The extra charge against Man was that of having caused to be given to Allen daily bribes of \$1.50 from each licensed fish stallholder in the Mong Kok Market between December, 1946 and Feb. 15, 1947.

Mr. Shaftain stated that, as far as the first defendant was concerned, the Police still preferred that he be not allowed bail.

He realised, however, that attitude might appear unreasonable, and so was prepared to leave the matter for His Worship to decide.

The prosecution said Mr. Shaftain would like to have two conditions attached to the granting of any bail to Allen. First, that defendant hand over his passport; secondly, that he would give an undertaking that he would not, directly or indirectly, interview or communicate with any person employed in the markets on the Mainland.

Bail Opposed
As to the fourth defendant, continued Mr. Shaftain, the Police was opposing bail at the present stage.

The accused has a very powerful influence and control in the various markets.

He was the owner of five stalls in one of the markets, and three in another.

If he was allowed bail, declared Mr. Shaftain, it would seriously prejudice the prosecution's inquiries which had become very extensive.

Referring to the second and third defendants, Mr. Shaftain stated that he was also opposing bail for them.

Mr. Soares said that he would draw the Bench's attention to the fact that Allen was far from being an affluent man.

If his client were to surrender his passport, it would nullify all possibilities of his leaving the Colony.

Regarding the undertaking not to contact market employees, Mr. Soares said that this would have to be given by Allen.

He would, however, point out that such an undertaking would considerably prejudice the defence, as it would mean that

they could not approach anybody who might be of assistance.

He requested that bail be fixed at a nominal amount.

"A Chinese"

In reply, Mr. Shaftain stated that he had in mind \$5,000 as the amount to be fixed for bail.

If a Chinese had been involved, the prosecution would ask for \$15,000 or \$20,000 as it would be very much easier for a Chinese to leave the Colony.

As to approaching witnesses, Mr. Shaftain said that he could not see why Allen should approach any prosecution witnesses in the preparation of his case.

"We know by experience that some very definite and serious tampering with prosecution witnesses have occurred recently."

"Your Worship might reflect some cases which had to be withdrawn at the last minute due to the witnesses refusing to appear in Court."

The prosecuting officer went on to say that, at the next hearing, additional charges would be preferred against the defendants.

"Definite Action"

On Mrs. Soares taking the wording of the undertaking to be submitted to the Court for official approval, His Worship declared that there was no necessity for such a step as the prosecution could always take "definite action" against the offender.

Mr. Shaftain stated that he would most certainly apply to the Court to rescind the bail immediately he was informed that the defendant had been, directly or indirectly, tampering with the Crown witnesses.

Mr. Soares then quoted authorities in support of his contention that there was no necessity to give any undertaking and that bail could only be fixed on the merits of the case and not on any assumption of the prosecution that witnesses would be tampered with in any way.

Mr. Remedios, in support of Mr. Soares' submission, declared that the Court could not take cognizance of the prosecution's statement that he had not finished with his inquiries and that, therefore, bail could not be granted to the fourth accused.

"Before the Law"

"In the eyes of the law," said Mr. Remedios, "my client is as innocent as Your Worship or myself."

"To carry your assumption to its logical conclusion, I ought to discharge your client right now," replied Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Mr. Shaftain replied that in 48 hours the Police would be holding an identification parade, at which it would be necessary for Man to be present.

"Persecution"

"This is not persecution but persecution," exclaimed Mr. Remedios, who added that he felt very strongly about the matter of bail as it definitely interfered with the liberty of the person.

"Here is Mr. Shaftain, saying that he had all the evidence and witnesses lined up and yet he is objecting to bail because his witnesses might be interfered with."

Mr. Shaftain replied that he had not got all his witnesses yet and that he still had to interview 80 or 90 people.

His Worship declared that he sympathized with the prosecution.

When it comes to the question of bail the Court is always guided by both sides as it usually knows so little about the case, he said.

He rejected Mr. Remedios' application for bail for Man.

Mr. Remedios asked him to put the decision in writing as he would be applying to the Supreme Court for bail for his client.

Bail in the sum of \$5,000 was granted to Allen on the condition that he surrendered his passport.

The next hearing was fixed for Sept. 24. DSI J. Johnston, Special Investigator, assisted in the prosecution.

MYSTERIOUS AXE-MAN KILLED SHANGHAI CHINESE AND WIFE

Shen Yu-jen, a Chinese foundry owner, was hacked to death and his wife seriously mutilated by a mysterious axe murderer who crept into their room early yesterday morning and escaped before the police arrived on the scene.

Police have so far failed to discover the motive for what they consider one of the most gruesome crimes in Shanghai for the past several months.

They said the murderer entered the room at five a.m. after removing "four iron bars from a window."

Locating the sleeping foundry owner with a flashlight, the murderer drove the axe into Shen's neck, which ran nearly severed, and hacked Shen's wife in the chest seven times.

Associated Press.

Russian Pressure On Persia

Teheran, Sept. 16. In Teheran's uneasy political atmosphere caused by the recent diplomatic activities over the pressing question of Persian oil rights for Russia, the Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Sadchikov, last night visited Ghavam Es Sultaneh, the Persian Premier, for the fourth time since his return from Moscow, a Government source stated today.

The Persian Government published no official news of the meeting.

The Persian press, reflecting this uncertain atmosphere, comments that the United States has openly advertised its full backing of Persia and encouragement to the Majlis to reject, if it wishes, the bid for the creation of a Russian-Persian oil company, following the recent expression of views by the Big Three, the United States, Britain and Russia, on the question of Persian ratification of the agreement with Russia, signed in April, 1946, by which such a joint Russian-Persian company was to be set up to exploit oil in Northern Persia.

The view of the Persian press in Britain's role is that she has advised a careful and unemotional handling of the problem, to prevent developments arising which are opposed to her interests.

The Soviet insistence on "the fulfilment of the undertaking of the Persian Government" is being shown, the press comments, by firstly M. Sadchikov's "energetic" talks with the Premier, secondly, propaganda by the press and Moscow Radio, and thirdly, by a display of "showman's tricks" on the Persian frontier to induce a belief in a concentration of Russian troops.

The Only Man

The Persian Parliament, meanwhile, appears to be in no hurry to pass a vote of confidence in Ghavam Es Sultaneh's new Government.

Without this vote, the Premier is constitutionally unable to present a draft oil bill to Parliament—despite Soviet insistence.

Even the Premier's opponents, however, in the face of the Persian "critical hour," admit that Ghavam Es Sultaneh is the only man able to solve the intricate problem confronting the country.—Reuter.

"Evil Genius" Planned Raid On Hut

The trial of Cheung Yuen, Chung Wah, Chung Tam-ming and Chung Shun, charged with robbery by two or more, commenced before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Mr. E. H. Sainsbury, assisted by Inspector Franklin, prosecuted.

The robbery took place in a smallholder's hut on Cheung Chau Island, said counsel, there was little doubt that Cheung Yuen was the "evil genius" in the matter. He was recognized as a man who, before the war, had cultivated a neighbouring plot of land and having moved elsewhere, was evicted for non-payment of rent.

Complainant, his wife and daughter, lived in a small one-roomed hut. At about 2.45 a.m. on July 30, he and his daughter saw four men enter. They could be recognized because of bright moonlight. Each of the men was armed with a dagger.

Escape

Mother and daughter sought escape through a hole they tore in the grass wall, but they were caught and the mother thrown

to the ground. The sum of \$700 was taken, mostly in ten dollar notes, but there was one \$100 note, afterwards recognized, and two \$50 notes.

Two rings and a bangle were also taken.

The husband was taken to hospital as a result of severe cuts on his thumb and forefinger.

At 6.35 the same morning, the 2nd and 3rd defendants were arrested at the ferry wharf.

On 2nd defendant were found the \$100 note and 30 ten dollar notes. They were arrested, and at the guild meeting place of vegetable growers, they pointed out first defendant, who was also arrested. At that moment, 2nd defendant ran away, but later he was seen in the company of 4th defendant and both were arrested.

Hearing will be resumed at 10.30 a.m. today.

BRITISH HUSBANDS AND SOVIET WIVES

London, Sept. 16.

Thirteen British husbands of Russian wives in Russia plan to meet in London in November in an attempt to see Mr. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, when he attends the meeting of Foreign Ministers.

"We are optimistic that we shall be able to go something," Mr. A. C. Hall, one of the husbands, said. Hall's son, whom he has never seen, is one year old on November 18. On that day he has arranged to celebrate the event by telephoning to his wife. The cost of the ten-minute birthday treat will be \$3.

—Reuter.

7 Jap Gendarmes Sentenced: One Discharged

The trial of eight Japanese gendarmes before No. 5 War Crimes Court came to an end yesterday, when seven were found guilty, one of whom received the death sentence, and the other six terms of imprisonment ranging from one to 12 years. One was found not guilty and discharged.

The defendants were tried for ill-treatment of Chinese civilians in the New Territories between Feb. and Aug. 1945.

Warrant Officer Takayama Masao, who was sentenced to death by hanging, was found guilty of causing the death of one Chinese civilian and the ill-treatment of others. Before the war, Takayama was a priest.

Lieut. Obata Chikuro, who was found guilty of being concerned in the ill-treatment of Chinese civilians, resulting in the death of one and physical sufferings to others, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Concurrent

Warrant Officer Yabuki Rikie was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Yabuki was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour last year, when found guilty of having committed a war crime.

The present sentence of 11 years is to run concurrently with the ten year sentence.

Warrant Officer Oda Tanpei and Sgt. Major Saruwatari Norishige were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Sgt. Kobai Yoshiji was given a three years' sentence, with hard labour and S/Pte. Watanabe Tamotsu one year's imprisonment with hard labour.

Sgt. Suaki Yoshizo was found not guilty and discharged.

The Trial

The trial took place before Lieut. Col. R.C. Laming (President) and Major R.S. Butterfield and Captain J. Benyon (Members).

The prosecution was conducted by Major M.I. Ormsby.

The defence was in the hands of Mr. Hirose Washiro, assisted by Lieut. D.C.J. Banfield as Advocates.

Among interested spectators yesterday were Mr. Emmett O'Neal, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, his wife and two daughters, as well as Brigadier General T.B. Catron, U.S. Army (Retired) and his wife.

Money Market

Gold made an attempt to recover yesterday and in fact did get to \$351.75 a tael at about noon, after opening at \$342 but the market visibly weakened in the afternoon.

It was, however, not till after 4 o'clock that the plunge started and at the close sellers were freely offering at \$341.50, with the tendency decidedly weak.

Piastres followed the usual see-saw process, moving between \$12.70 and \$13.30 a 100.

The opening rate was \$12.874 and the closing quotation, \$12.85.

Chinese National Currency opened at 12.75 cts. for futures and 12.95 cts. for spot, and closed at 12.6 cts. and 12.9 cts. respectively (for CN\$1,000).

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THREAT OF WAR IN INDIA Pakistan May Resort To "Direct Measures" "Worse Than Civil War Already"

New York, Sept. 16.
Unless the Government of India took steps "to
end the slaughter of Moslems," a formal com-
plaint would be filed with the United Nations,
warned Sir Zafrullah Khan, chief of the Pakis-
tan delegation to the United Nations General
Assembly, on his arrival by air from London
today.

"If satisfaction is not obtained," he continued,
"the Government of Pakistan may have to re-
sort to direct measures."

Sir Zafrullah asserted that the
Indian Government had done
nothing to control the communal
disturbances.
Asked if he was authorized by
his Government to make a formal
complaint to the Assembly, Sir
Zafrullah said: "Not yet, but if
the situation is not adequately
controlled immediately by the
Government of India, I am expecting
any moment to be asked by the
Pakistan Government to raise
the matter before the United Na-
tions General Assembly, as this
situation constitutes a grave
threat to the peace of the world."

"If this deliberate and planned
extermination of a people con-
tinues unchecked by India, Pakis-
tan, as a last resort, must seek
satisfaction through the United
Nations, and if it fails to get that
satisfaction, it may have to re-
sort to direct measures."

Sir Zafrullah told Reuters that
the extermination of Moslems had
been "going on for more than a
month in the provinces of East
Punjab and latterly in the pro-
vince of Delhi."

Much Concerned

"The horrible and ruthless
slaughter in that part of India
put the whole delegation of
Pakistan in a very distressed and
mournful mood, and naturally the

delegation is very much concerned
at the moment with the happen-
ings in, and near, our homes,
where our dearest and nearest
may, at any moment, be exter-
minated."

"The responsibility for this
catastrophe entirely on the Govern-
ment of India which, so far, has ut-
terly failed to discharge its respon-
sibility or even faced it squarely."

Asked if it meant civil war,
Sir Zafrullah said: "Hardly. It
is worse than a civil war already."

He asserted that the only thing
the Indian Government had done,
so far, to control the trouble was
in "appeals to reason, but the
inflamed non-Moslem sections of
the population cannot be expected
to react to these appeals, particu-
larly when the Government's
own police force, in many in-
stances, abetted and encouraged,
and even participated in, the ex-
termination of the Moslems."

—Reuters.

"U.S. To Appeal To U.N.O. On Korea"

Washington, Sept. 15.
A usually reliable source said today that the Unit-
ed States has now "definitely decided" to ask
United Nations intervention in the Soviet-
American deadlock over Korea and the only
question was just when the announcement
would break.

The source said that the
Americans would ask for Unit-
ed Nations commission to in-
vestigate the Korean situation
and recommend a scheme for
political unification of that
country under a single Korean
provisional government.

He said that the "timing of
the United States declaration"
is still indefinite but it was
possible that it would come
sometime this week from New
York where Mr. Marshall is
heading the United States
delegation to the United Na-
tions.

Other well-informed sources
indicated that the United
States, while seeking a United
Nations solution of the Korean
problem, would seek to guide
the United Nations approach
in such a way as to leave a
way open for the United States
or other Allied economic aid
to Korea at any time.

The sources said that
"Korea, whether united or
divided, needs the United
States or other economic as-
sistance to regain her feet."

They added that therefore
"even while the commission is
investigating, the United
States would seek to rally
United States public opinion
behind the plan for American
aid."

They said if the United Na-
tions failed to break the dead-
lock or took a very long time
in studying the case the Unit-
ed States would attempt to go
ahead with plans for building
up the war-shattered economy
of South Korea. On the other
hand if a United Nations agree-
ment results in United Nations
supervision of Korean unifica-
tion, political development and
economic growth, the United
States then would want to be
in a position to contribute to
aid of the entire country.

Entered close at 12 o'clock noon
on Thursday, 18th September
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By Order,
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Actg. Secretary.

ATS TO BE AT WEDDING

London, Sept. 16.
Khaki-clad girls of the Wo-
men's Auxiliary Territorial
Service, in which Princess
Elizabeth served during the
war, will form part of the
Guard of Honour at West-
minster Abbey when the
Princess marries Lieutenant
Philip Mountbatten on No-
vember 29.—Reuters.

Servicemen Released

London, Sept. 16.
Five British and American
servicemen recently detained by
the Yugoslav military authorities
have now been released, a
Foreign Office spokesman stated
today.

This follows the delivery last
Friday of strong British and
American notes of protest
against the "unwarranted arrest
and maltreatment" of various
British and American service-
men.

General Velebit informed Mr.
Peake that five other Anglo-
Saxon soldiers were still in
Yugoslav detention because they
stated they were deserters. The
British Ambassador has re-
quested the names of these men.
—Reuters.

Gandhi Lays Blame On Moslems

New Delhi, Sept. 16.
A fear that there was "bound to be war between
India and Pakistan if the Dominion of Pakis-
tan persisted in doing wrong," was expressed
by Mr. Gandhi here today.

After giving this warning to
the Hindu Youth Organisation,
he went to Government House
and had an hour's talk with
Lord Mountbatten, the Governor
General.

Both Mr. Gandhi and Mr.
Nehru, the Premier, today ex-
pressed regret that India had
ever been divided.

Mr. Gandhi described the
division as an "unfortunate
fact".

Pandit Nehru, answering

charges by Mr. Liaquat Ali
Khan, the Prime Minister of
Pakistan, that Pakistan was
"surrounded by forces out to
destroy it," said: "Some of us
still hope that when the present
unhappy commotion has ended
and amity between the two com-
munities has been restored, the
two Dominions may, of the free
will of their respective peoples,
unite."

Planes today completed their
job of bringing about 6,000 staff
members of Pakistan to the
capital. In a fortnight, they
made 241 trips in each direction,
covering 330,000 miles and
besides transporting passengers,
carried over 30,000 pounds of
food and tents for Moslem re-
fugees in Delhi.

One York plane set up a re-
cord for the operation by bring-
ing 74 passengers and a crew
of four to Karachi.—Reuters.

ETHIOPIAN NOTE TO BRITAIN

London, Sept. 16.
Ethiopia today delivered a
note to Britain asking it was
understood, for the revision of
the 1944 agreement under which
the Ethiopian territory of the
Ogaden was placed under British
military administration to help
in the prosecution of the war.
It was understood that the
note was timed to coincide with
the coming into force of the
Italian peace treaty, under which
the future of Italy's African
colonies must be settled within
a year.—Reuters.

Young Jew Tailor Attacked Police

London, Sept. 15.
A 28-year-old Jewish tailor, Cecil Prince, today
was sentenced to 28 days' imprisonment for
assaulting a policeman in a scuffle at a Sun-
day meeting of the British League of Ex-Ser-
vicemen. He was later released on bail pend-
ing appeal.

Seven consecutive Sunday's
League's meeting in the East End
suburb of Dalston have ended in
clashes between members of the
League and Jewish ex-Servicemen,
Communists and other anti-
Fascists.

Referring to Prince's case, a
police officer stated that he found
himself surrounded by a hostile
crowd and seized the prisoner,
who, he said, had become very
violent.

Prince's counsel said that
Prince was a Jew and speaker at
the meeting were advocating
the extermination of Jews.

In his evidence, Prince stated
that pamphlets bearing Sir Os-
wald Mosley's photographs were
being sold at the meeting.
The magistrate, sentencing him,
said that it was a most serious
offence for any member of the

Plea For New Government In Hungary

Budapest, Sept. 16.
An appeal for "the ur-
gent formation" of a new
Hungarian Government,
was made by M. Zoltan
Tildy, President of Hun-
gary, when he opened to-
day the newly elected
Hungarian Legislative
Assembly, in which the
Communists form the
strongest party.

The former Government—a
coalition of Smallholders, Social
Democrats, Communists and
National Peasants—recently
resigned, but agreed to carry on
pending the formation of a new
Cabinet.

"The new Government must
be formed urgently to increase
the confidence of the people,
which is so much needed for the
reconstruction of the country,
and for Hungary's foreign
policy," M. Tildy said.

"We are opposed to those who
speculate on a new war, and we
shall first of all make efforts to
safeguard peace in the area in-
habited by the Hungarian people."

"We realise that discord in
the world would lead to real
disaster, and therefore the
Hungarian people will endeavour
to develop their good relations
and cooperation with all
peoples."—Reuters.

GIFT PARTY FOR THE PRINCESS

London, Sept. 16.
The King and Queen will give
an afternoon party at St. James
Palace on Monday, November
17, to view the wedding presents
for the marriage of Princess
Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip
Mountbatten.

Service dress, morning dress
or lounge suits will be worn by
the guests.

The next day, November 18,
the King and Queen will give a
"pre-wedding party" at Bucking-
ham Palace, in the evening.
Evening dress with decorations,
or Service dress will be worn.
—Reuters.

AUSTRALIA'S GIFT TO PRINCESS

Melbourne, Sept. 16.
The wedding gift to Princess
Elizabeth from the Women of
Victoria will be a jewel case
made of Victorian fine gold en-
graved with the coat of arms of
Victoria and an inscription.—As-
sociated Press.

Flushing Meadows, N.Y.,
Sept. 16.
Nokrashy Pasha, Egyptian
Premier, will leave New York
tomorrow by air for Lisbon on
his way to Cairo, it is under-
stood here.

Meanwhile, Egypt's demands
for the withdrawal of British
troops from Egypt and the
Sudan, and for the ending of the
present joint rule in the Sudan,
remain on the Security Council's
agenda, and it is open to any
member to request their reconsi-
deration at any time.—Reuters.

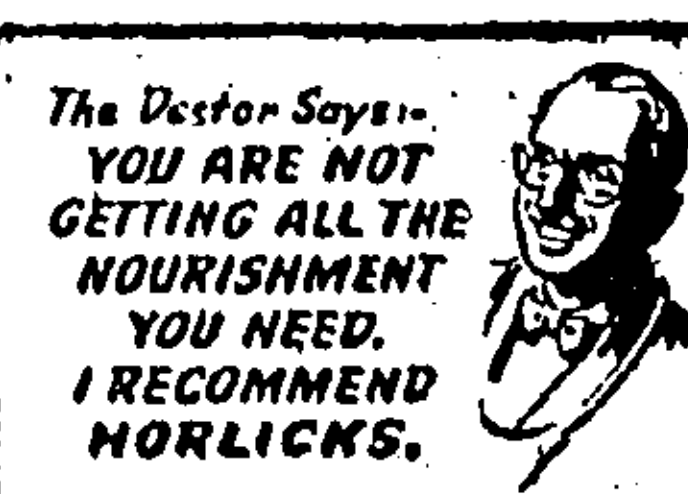
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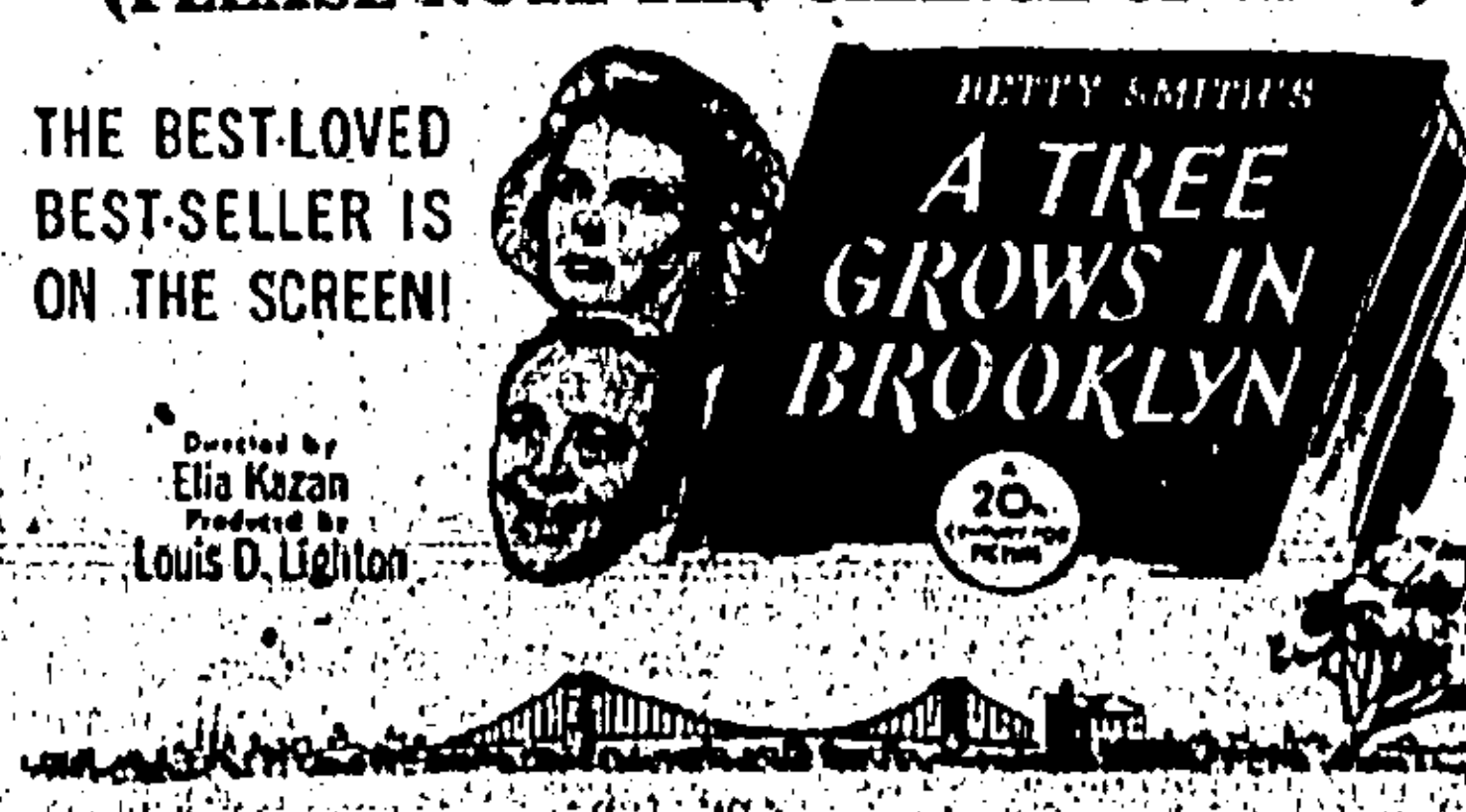
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'WE COULD HAVE HAD A WAR'

Dangerous Incident In Trieste Change-Over

River Dries Up: Persian Protest

Teheran, Sept. 16. Persia may complain to the Security Council, that the Afghan Government has diverted the Hermand River across the frontier, cutting off the water supply of an entire province, Mohammed Hossein Adl, the new Persian Minister of Agriculture, stated today.

The Afghan Government shows a unwillingness to settle the matter amicably," he said.

The River Hermand rises in Afghanistan and flows into Persia's southwestern province of Sistan, along the Persian-Afghan border, until it reaches Afghanistan.

Crops are dying and a population numbering 500,000 is in danger while the diplomatic negotiations drag out between the two countries, observers here stated.

The Afghan Ambassador to Persia, Rahimullah Khan, declared: "The drying up of the Hermand is due to a general drought for which not the Afghan Government but heaven is responsible."—Reuter.

ARABS MEET

Berut, Sept. 16. The Arab League Committee, which includes the Premiers of Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Transjordan, met here today to discuss the Palestine question—the only item on the agenda according to official statements.

Two further meetings will be held, one tomorrow and another on Thursday or Friday after which an official statement is expected.—Reuter.

Americans Resist Yugoslav Threat

(By Edgar Clark)

Trieste, Sept. 16. Twenty incidents, precipitated by Yugoslav attempts to encroach on Italian territory and highlighted by ten American soldiers brandishing guns in the faces of 2,000 Yugoslav troops in ugly mood, brought an Allied General gravely to admit today: "We could have had war."

The grim seriousness of the situation, pointing the narrow escape from open hostilities, was underscored at dynamite-laden Outpost No. 5, where officers leading the Yugoslav detachment approached a country road position of less than a dozen Americans and announced: "We have 2,000 troops behind us and we are coming through. We'll give you five minutes."

The General cannot be named because of Army protocol. But the electric atmosphere prevailing as the Yugoslavs deployed into battle formations while fast-falking Americans shuttled the officers from one echelon to another to waste time emphasized his remark.

The Americans were quickly supported by a battalion as the Yugoslavs took up positions among the shrubs, brush and boulders on the historic battleground of Carso Plateau.

Meanwhile, two United States tanks rumbled up into position and levelled guns toward the Yugoslav lines. As dawn broke, a squadron of 12 British fighter and bomber planes, plus several United States observation planes, zoomed over the horizon, circling over the position.

Everyone breathed more easily as the Yugoslavs sullenly withdrew.

A few hours later, Brig.-Gen.

Yugoslavs Take Over Pola

BELGRADE, SEPT. 16. TROOPS OF THE YUGOSLAV ARMY TODAY TOOK OVER THE FORMER ITALIAN ADRIATIC PORT OF POLA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ITALIAN PEACE TREATY, THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED.

The last American troops and civilian police left the town as the foremost Yugoslav detachments arrived, as had been agreed with the American authorities, the report added.

The President of the Yugoslav National Assembly today published a decree cancelling all regulations by the Anglo-American occupation authorities in territories taken over from Italy under the treaty and substituting Yugoslav constitutional law and other judicial regulations.—Reuter.

Mesmerist Shakes The Stolid Dutch

Amsterdam, Sept. 16. This story, attested to by many stolid Dutch burghers, begins in a railway train running from Rotterdam to Dordrecht last week. One of the passengers—no one seems able to give an exact description—mentioned rather idly that he could force anyone by sheer concentration to do his bidding. Pull the emergency cord of the train, for example.

Discreet Dutch laughter at that—but suddenly one of the passengers arises and, as though in a dream, as though fighting a will stronger than his own, does pull the emergency cord.

When the conductor has been soothed and has departed, the stranger says it really is nothing at all, that for a lot of, say, 500 guilders, he will disrupt an entire symphony concert by working his will from a seat in the audience. The bet is covered and the Hague orchestra concert at Scheveningen selected.

The man was in the audience when the solo violinist, Sam Szwarc, began to play. This much is true; critics wondered about Szwarc's poor fingering and his astonishing uncertainty. Applause was mild.

Then Janine Weill, the French pianist, began to fumble in the midst of a Saint-Saens concerto. She even had to ask the conductor, Ignaz Neumark, point out her place in the score.

The first oboe said he felt "something strange in the air" during the concert.

The stranger collected his bets in a nearby cafe, so the story goes. Conductor Neumark said he thought the poor performances, while unusual, had a normal explanation since even the greatest artists were sometimes erratic. The Dutch psychologist, Dr. W.C.H. Tenhaeff, said it was possible for a hypnotist or telepathist to wield such influence, but he would like to meet the man first.

But the stranger had disappeared.—United Press.

Death Sentence

BRATISLAVA, SEPT. 16. JANOS ESTERHAZY, 46-YEAR-OLD FORMER LEADER OF THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN SLOVAKIA AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CZECH PARLIAMENT, WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY A COURT HERE YESTERDAY.

He was being tried in his absence, his whereabouts being unknown.

He was charged with having supported the Hungarian separatist movement aiming at the disruption of the Czech state, and with being chairman of the "United Hungarian Party", which aimed at joint action with the "Sudeten German Party" of Konrad Henlein and the Fascist "People's Party of Hlinka, in Slovakia.

In speeches to the Slovak Parliament, Esterhazy described the Czechoslovak Republic as "a state placed together with no right of existence."

The defence claimed that he was anti-Nazi, and helped Jews during the German occupation.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV ARMY MOVES IN

Trieste, Sept. 16. Yugoslav troops today moved up to the borders of the new free territory of Trieste, where feeling was still tense after the excitement and disturbances which marked the beginning at midnight of the city's independence, under the terms of the Italian peace treaty.

The provisional regime for Trieste allows 5,000 Yugoslav troops to join equal numbers of British and Americans in the interim administration of the zone. The British and American forces have withdrawn from their former positions between Italy and Yugoslavia in the Istrian peninsula.

During the night Yugoslav troops in some strength had demanded passage at an American outpost near Prosecco, but after 12 Americans at the post had "deployed in battle order," the Yugoslavs withdrew, leaving only a guard.

Major-General T. S. Airey, Allied Commander in Trieste, told reporters today that he expected a settlement of this incident shortly.

More than 10,000 people, many carrying Communist banners, marched through the streets of Trieste today behind the coffin of a 11-year-old girl, Emma Passerini, who was killed by a bullet three days ago when machineguns fired on a demonstration in San Giacomo.

Leftist trade unions called a strike to enable workers to join the procession.

The independent newspaper, Corriere di Trieste, reported a wave of anti-Slovene demonstrations in Gorizia when Italian troops entered the city to take over their part of it. The headquarters of the Communist Party and Slovene shops and restaurants were said to have been attacked.—Reuter.

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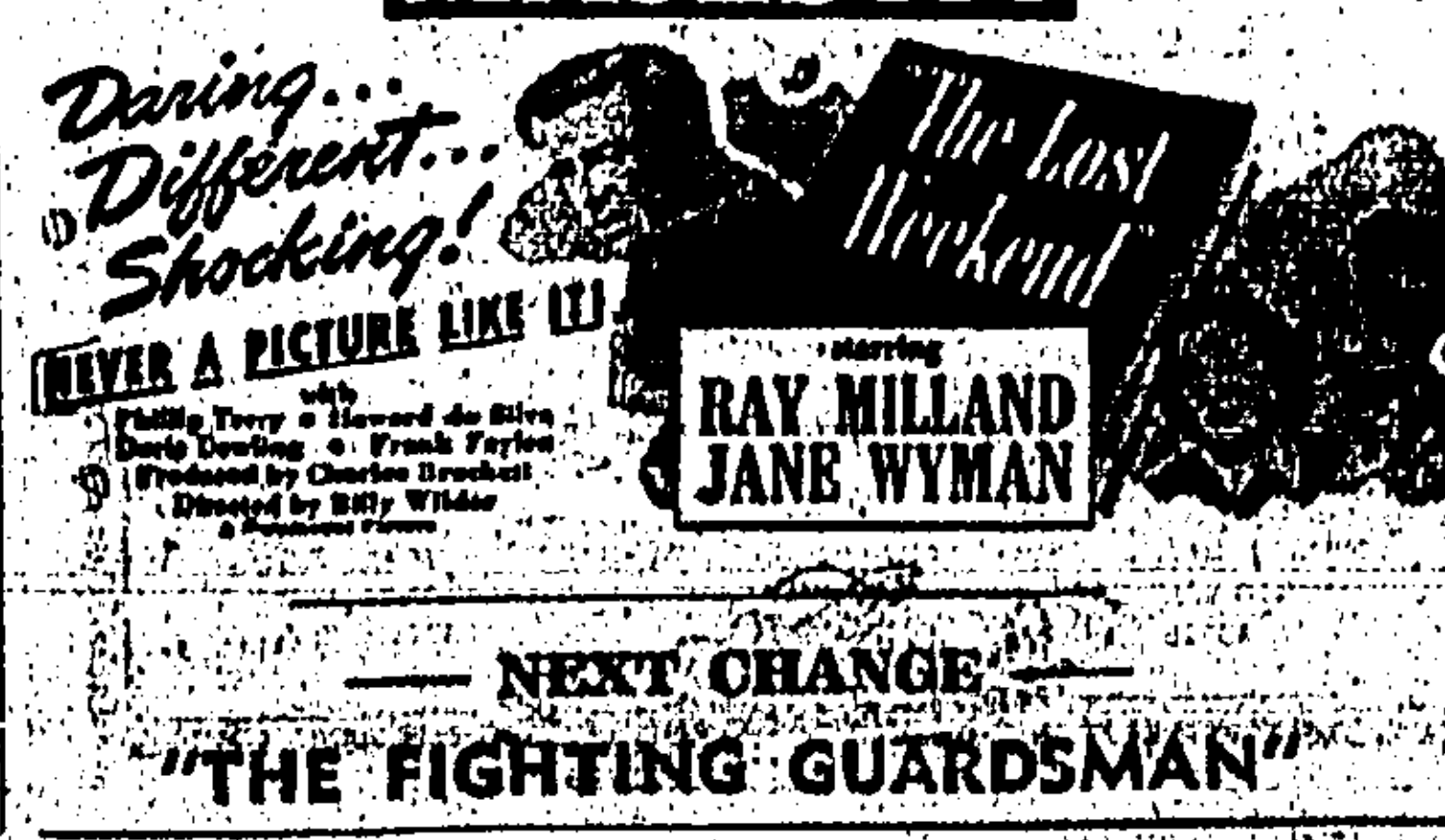
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Upon the course and outcome of the meeting, commenced yesterday, of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the future of the Organisation and of much else may well depend. Its agenda includes a number of contentious matters of which the principal are the situation in the Balkans and the problem of Palestine; but the whole outlook is governed by the question whether any fundamental agreement will or can be reached between the Western Powers, on the one hand, and Soviet Russia, with her group of Central and South-Eastern European States, on the other. Given a spirit of agreement none of the items on the Assembly's agenda, inherently difficult though some of them are, would prove altogether intractable. In a speech at Boston, Massachusetts, last week, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, dealt frankly with this danger. From the standpoint of the United Nations, he said, it is simply not conceivable or tolerable that the world shall be divided permanently into several groups or camps. "I say this," Mr. Trygve Lie added, "knowing that many conscientious and well-meaning people in many lands have grown tired of the argument and are tempted to call it off. In any case, and I say this in all seriousness, I cannot make myself believe that this situation will be allowed to lead to another war within the foreseeable future. Everything that I know from observation, from the information at my disposal and from my contact with the leaders and people of the nations, convinces me that no country with the power, to make war regards war as a practical proposition now or in the future. My immediate pre-occupation," continued Mr. Trygve Lie, "is not that the air of hostility which prevails in so many quarters today may lead to an actual armed conflict of global proportions. My greatest concern is with the effect which misunderstanding has upon the whole scheme of work envisaged by the San Francisco Charter. Mr. Trygve Lie spoke with the voice of wisdom. Yet it cannot be forgotten that what is a crucial significance of the present Assembly of the United Nations, its atmosphere threatens to resemble that of the Assembly of the League of Nations in 1935 and 1936 which failed to agree upon the effective means of preventing or punishing Italian aggression against Abyssinia. That failure encouraged Nazi Germany to annex Austria, to crush Czechoslovakia in 1938 and to attack Poland in September 1939. The second World War thus started lasted until May and August 1945. Meanwhile the United Nations had been born and in June, 1945, had been endowed with a Charter more comprehensive than the League Covenant. A year later, in April, 1946, the League of Nations held its final Assembly at Geneva and decided to go into liquidation. Its palatial buildings became the European headquarters of the United Nations and its non-political activities, together with many members of its experienced staff were transferred to the United Nations. Today, in New York, the anxious question will haunt the minds of the delegates to the United Nations Assembly whether this beneficent non-political work is to be jeopardised or lost, and whether the folly of permanent disagreement, and the division of the world into antagonistic groups, shall drive the United Nations along the downward path which the League of Nations was compelled to tread. To this question the answer must depend largely, if not entirely, upon the policies of Soviet Russia and of the United States. In his speech at Boston, Mr. Trygve Lie said, "We in the United Nations are proceeding on the rock-bound thesis that there must never be another war." No country on earth, he declared, can now or in the immediate future tolerate another war, even within the limits

Science At The World's Service

By Ian Cox

elements that will be of use in biological research, in medical practice and in industry.

One of the most important properties of the reactor is the large scale transformation of the elements which takes place in the fission process—a medium sized pile is a source ten times as powerful as the largest cyclotron for producing radio active elements. But here lies one of the major uncertainties of the future for Professor Cockcroft estimates that a world run on nuclear power would turn out daily material with a radio activity of the order of fifty million curies (even after an allowance is made for a decay of three months) so the same disposal of these radio active products is likely to be a very serious problem as soon as atomic power becomes a widespread actuality.

Operating Difficulties

As to when nuclear fission might be applied to power generation in Britain, Professor Cockcroft was uncertain. He said it was possible that experimental power plants would be built during the next five years and when that was done he might be able to make predictions; at the moment, however, insufficient is known about possible operating difficulties. For example, we did

not yet know to what extent the formation of products of fission will tend to the poisoning of the chain reaction due to their additional absorption of the neutrons reduced. In any case, the immediate and certain benefits of nuclear energy will come from the production of radio active isotopes and the use of nuclear reaction for scientific research. Soon then we may expect the number of lives saved by the use of nuclear energy to exceed those lost by the dropping of the two bombs over Japan.

The discussion on Penicillin was led off by Sir Ambrose Fleming, its discoverer. Penicillin, he said, is an antibiotic, that is, a substance produced by a living body which has a destructive or inhibitory effect on a micro-organism. There are many apocryphal stories about its discovery, but Ambrose gave us the true one, which was simply that while he was working at St. Mary's Hospital, London, in 1928, a stray spore of the mould *Penicillium Notatum* alighted on the jelly on which he was growing some other micro-organisms, and he observed that as it grew it had an antibiotic effect on them. Ten years afterwards chemical workers in Oxford succeeded in concentrating the substance this mould produced and demonstrated its remarkable properties. The culture they used was descended directly from that made by Sir Ambrose. During the second World War these Oxford chemists took a specimen of their culture to the United States of America and induced the manufacturers to undertake large-scale production. As a result of Penicillin production in both Britain and America there was enough of the substance when D-Day arrived in 1944 for every wounded man to be treated by it when necessary.

No Miracle

Sir Ambrose was very firm in stating that Penicillin is not a miraculous substance that will cure all ills. It must be used on the right microbes and, he added, administered in such a way that it reaches the infecting microbes in sufficient amounts to kill them. Nor is Penicillin the only antibiotic known; many others have been found and some of them are very powerful—a few of them are not too poisonous to use in medicine.

Sir Ambrose's conclusion is that the study of antibiotics will change medical treatment in many ways largely as a result of the discovery in them of new chemical linkages which are destructive to bacteria. With a knowledge of these linkages, the chemist will doubtless be able to prepare modifications which will have all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of the natural products.

The John L. Lewis Of Britain

Arthur Lewis Horner, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, has been called the John L. Lewis of Britain. He objects to the comparison, and the two men lend themselves to contrast.

The 55-year-old Horner, a Communist who has seen the inside of five prisons, was elected by Britain's miners as their leader even though three months previously they had rejected Communism. In influence, his job compares with that of a Cabinet Minister, and both Foreign Secretary Bevin and Deputy Minister Morrison like and admire him.

"We just wish that he wasn't a Communist," they say. Horner describes himself as "a Marxist and scientist," whereas he terms John L. Lewis "a clever tactician who lives from day to day."

Horner himself does not scorn a tactic here and there. Banned from the recent labour conference at Margate because of his Communism, Horner called a press conference at which he announced a three-year austerity programme, that stole the whole show.

The short and sturdy Welshman, speaking as a member of the Communist Party executive, told the Government that coal was the key to Britain's plight and made these demands for his miners: Exemption from income tax, a larger food and clothing ration, better lighting in the mines and a weekly minimum wage of six pounds sterling (\$24 United States). His plan went further than benefits for the miners. A constant advocate of greater coal production, he urged volunteers in key industries to work one week-end overtime in every four.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"In his final semester he got all A's—Junior, say something in algebra for Mrs. Parsons!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

NEITHER SHOULD GET IT

When the cards are so distributed that both sides can make game in their best suit, neither side should do it. If that sounds paradoxical, just consider the value of sacrifice bids to cut down your losses. If you have bid to a game you can make, and the opponents then overall with a game contract, you are going to let them get away with it? Wouldn't you rather go one level higher than your maximum safe contract and be set one? That will cost you less than their game would.

S. A. K. 7 5
H. 6
W. 2
C. A. J. 10
4 2

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

North	South	West	Dbl
1 H	Pass	1 NT	Dbl
2 H	2 S	3 H	3 S
4 H	4 S	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	5 H	Dbl

South took out his partner's business, double of the 4-Spade because he felt he had misled North somewhat with his first bid of 1-No Trump and his free relay

to 3-Hearts over the 2-Spades while holding no defensive strength outside of North's rebid hearts except the diamond K. Before doing it, he reflected on the fact that the opponents had shown a fine spade fit, that he had three himself and that therefore North was bound to be short in the suit, with surely no more than a singleton, if that. Hence, there might be a play for game, and in any event the 5-Hearts probably could not be punished badly.

It proved that South did the best thing for his side. The opponents could have made their 4-Spades, with the loss of just one trick in hearts and two in diamonds, and not even these tricks could have been taken unless they were raked in before the lead was lost to East, as he could discard any losers in his hand by establishing clubs through a single ruff.

The 5-Hearts contract was set one trick, as the defenders took one in spades and two in clubs. That cost North-South 200 points, but it was better than having the opponents make a game against them. In brief, either side could make game, and hence neither should.

Tomorrow's Problem
S. A. K. J. 10 6
H. A. J. 8 7
D. A. 7
C. A. 8

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

What bidding would you favour here, with a fine card player in the South and only a fair one in the North?

The Dutch Budget

The Hague, Sept. 16. An optimistic note was struck by the Dutch Minister of Finance, M. Pieter, Liefstede, when he presented his 1948 budget to the Dutch Lower House this afternoon.

It was intended to cut the budget by 1,000,000,000 guilders (some \$38,000,000) and though great difficulties had been encountered in the effort to decrease expenditure, he felt that a considerable improvement had been achieved.

The total expenditure estimated for the entire service in 1948 amounted to 3,909,000,000 guilders (about \$365,300,000), a decrease of 631,000,000 guilders (about \$58,900,000) on 1947.—Reuter.

JERUSALEM SOUNDS "ALERT"

Jerusalem, Sept. 16. Sirens alerted Jewish troops and police in Jerusalem today after reports of explosions near the Jewish Agency buildings in King George Avenue and in a Jewish suburb.

The alert lasted 30 minutes. The explosions were described as of a type similar to those made by the Army in battle courses.

The police headquarters sent radio instructions to all patrol cars to watch out for the bombs and type of glass explosions.—Reuter.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of the late Geo. K. Hall Brutton—Mr. & Mrs. D.L. Strellett \$200, Mr. J.T. Prior \$80, D.K. \$25. Total \$405; Hong Kong Government Contribution \$405; Received to 10th September, 1947, \$2,847,407.62. Grand Total \$2,850,507.62.

Canberra, Sept. 16. With cheers and acclamations for Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Prime Minister, the Australian Labour Party today approved the Government's recommendation to nationalise all private trading banks.—Reuter.

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PEACE OR WAR SESSION Plain Speaking At Uno Assembly Gathering America's Case Against Russia

Flushing, N.Y., Sept. 16.
The United Nations General Assembly, beginning its momentous "war or peace" session, was asked by the United States today to speed creation of the international police force and give a thorough airing to Soviet "misuse" of the veto.

Warren Austin, permanent American delegate, challenged the Assembly to tackle world problems boldly lest they be "bottled up to ferment and explode."

Mr. Austin detailed part of America's aggressive Assembly programme in a nationwide broadcast after the United States had lost its first Assembly tussle—an attempt to elect Soviet-baiting Herbert V. Ewart of Australia as the Assembly President.

The Latin-American countries led the revolt that resulted in the election of Brazil's Oswaldo Aranha, who keynoted the Assembly with the warning that it was determined whether the world moved toward war or peace.

Senhor Aranha and every other delegate to the 55-nation General Assembly spoke and acted with the knowledge that the United States and Russia were waging a "cold war" for diplomatic leadership of the world.

Austin Speech
Major addresses will be delivered tomorrow by the U.S. Secretary of State, General Marshall, and the Soviet Vice-Foreign Minister, Andrei Vishinsky, but Austin attempted to establish an American initiative before the formal battle began.

"We intend to try in this Assembly to gain agreement on specific steps toward the creation of peace forces. We are determined to make vigorous efforts toward agreement on practical ways of interpreting the voting principles of the Charter to avoid misuse of the veto." The Charter...can and will grow and change to meet the changing needs of humanity.

Austin also said: "We must ascertain whether there is pos-

Defence Of Greenland

Washington, Sept. 16.
The State Department today announced that the United States and Denmark have begun formal consultations on United States defence bases in Greenland.

The talks, of informal exploratory value, are connected with Denmark's note of May 27, expressing a desire to terminate the joint wartime agreement making the United States responsible for Greenland's defence.

The negotiations are on the clause making the agreement effective "until danger to the Continent has passed" and the United States is known to be following the principle that danger is apparent and may remain for some time.—United Press.

FRANCE THANKED

Paris, Sept. 16.
The French Premier, M. Paul Ramadier, and the Colonial Minister, M. Marius Moutet, today received a telegram from the Representatives Assembly of French India, thanking the French Government for the reforms it had undertaken to carry out in French India.

The telegram states: "The Representatives Assembly, sitting in ordinary session, ask you to transmit to the Government the population's gratitude for the reforms granted French India."—Reuter.

Danish Protest To Soviet

London, Sept. 16.
The Danish Foreign Ministry has lodged a protest with the Russian Military Government in Germany over the dumping of German ammunition in the Baltic near the Danish island of Bornholm, according to the Hamburg radio today.

Last week, Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, the Russian Commander-in-Chief in Germany, promised Denmark that ammunition would be dumped elsewhere. A Danish naval vessel, however, reported that it had seen three German steamers dumping near Bornholm yesterday, the radio added.—Reuter.

Naval Show Of Force In Solomons

London, Sept. 16.
A British aircraft carrier, escorted by a destroyer, has sailed from New Zealand for Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands, to "assist the local authorities in handling an uneasy situation," the Colonial Office disclosed tonight.

Following disturbances there, several arrests were made, but latest reports show the situation to be completely under control, the Colonial Office spokesman added.

Though no direct punitive action by the British warships is contemplated, the spokesman said, it is thought that "a show of force to the restive natives" may aid the local authorities. A movement calling itself the "Marching Rule" has been defying the authorities and provoking disturbances, though there has been no bloodshed and none expected.

The "Marching Rule" is a primitive nationalist movement seeking semi-autonomous government for the islands. Responsible British opinion is that the Solomon Islanders

are not yet fit for self-government, he said.

It was reported from Australia in July that Guadalcanal Island, the scene of the famed attack by American "leathernecks" during the war, had been "invaded" by natives, armed with spears and blowpipes, crossed the 80 miles strait from the archipelago.

This report was later officially denied.—Reuter.

Canadian Prices Soar With Controls Off

Ottawa, Sept. 16.
Within 24 hours of the lifting of Canadian price controls, the price of flour rose 50 per cent, and housewives today stormed the shops to buy up what food they could at the old prices. Bread loaves at eight to 11 cents rose today to 11 to 14 cents, and another two cents increase was predicted soon.

Mr. M. M. J. Coldwell, leader of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, Canada's Socialist Party, said: "Decontrol has been a step towards economic chaos and inevitable depression."

Alderman David MacMillan told the Ottawa City Council: "Things such as this give rise to Communism and to other ills. The people have become discontented and who can blame them?"

The goods on which the price ceiling has been lifted include canned goods, corn, beans, and timber. Economists said that the price rise would force labour to demand higher wages, and thus start another upward turn in the spiral of inflation. City Councils today called on the Government to restore the controls over bread, milk and coal.

The decontrol automatically ended the Government subsidies on cotton, hides, skins, corn and soy beans. It was the fifth lifting of controls since January.

The Federal authorities were reported to be keeping a sharp watch on retail goods prices, while Mr. F. A. MacGregor, combines investigation commissioner, issued warnings against collusion to fix prices.—Reuter.

BRITTANY RESCUE

Paris, Sept. 16.
Fourteen French naval ratings were rescued today off the bleak Brittany coast from a windswept, wave-buffed rock to which they had been clinging for three hours after their ship—a French naval tug based on Brest—ran aground and sank. Their strength had almost given out when they were seen by two trawlers which had put out from the small Brittany fishing village of Kerly Penmarc'h.

One trawler took thirteen men aboard, and the other saved the petty officer who had captained the tug.—Reuter.

Sir Stafford Sets A Target

Manchester, Sept. 16.
An immediate increase in production by 10 per cent and by 20 per cent in six months, Sir Stafford Cripps today gave this task to a meeting of representatives of both sides of the cotton textile industry.

If they did not achieve the target, it would mean an immediate reduction in yarn consumption for the home market of 15 per cent and 24 per cent in six months' time.

The cotton men were told that their industry was in the front line of the battle for exports—"and we must convince the people of this fact until they look upon it as they did upon aircraft production during the war."

He called on employees in the cotton industry to consider working longer hours until the target was achieved.

On bottlenecks, he recalled the wartime saying—"to cure a bottleneck takes 24 hours, to do the impossible a little longer."

Expedients were needed, he said. "We cannot stand by and watch our people being deprived of clothing and household goods because some particular key job in a mill is vacant."—Reuter.

British Musicians Picket Opera

LONDON, SEPT. 16.
SPECTATORS ARRIVING FOR THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE VIENNA STATE OPERA COMPANY AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, COVENT GARDEN, TONIGHT WERE HANDED PROTEST LEAFLETS BY BRITISH MUSICIANS PICKETING THE ENTRANCE.

The men carried placards reading: "Stop importing orchestras. We have the best," and "British musicians want to work in the Royal Opera House."

The leaflet said that the London Trades Council, representing 650,000 trade unionists, had passed a resolution demanding that the Ministry of Labour and the Home Office cancel immediately the permit issued to the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra to perform as an accompanying medium at Covent Garden.—Reuter.

Oil Peace Possible

Paris, Sept. 16.
Russia and the United States are believed to be nearing an agreement over the Zistendorf oil well, 50 kilometres north-east of Vienna, which Russia claims for reparations as being a former German asset, according to the Paris newspaper Le Monde.

The newspaper said tonight that "according to some reports, not yet confirmed, the Americans are supposed to have discussed with the Russians a modus vivendi for sharing the property between the Soviet and the Austrian states, and a solution would seem to be not far off."—Reuter.

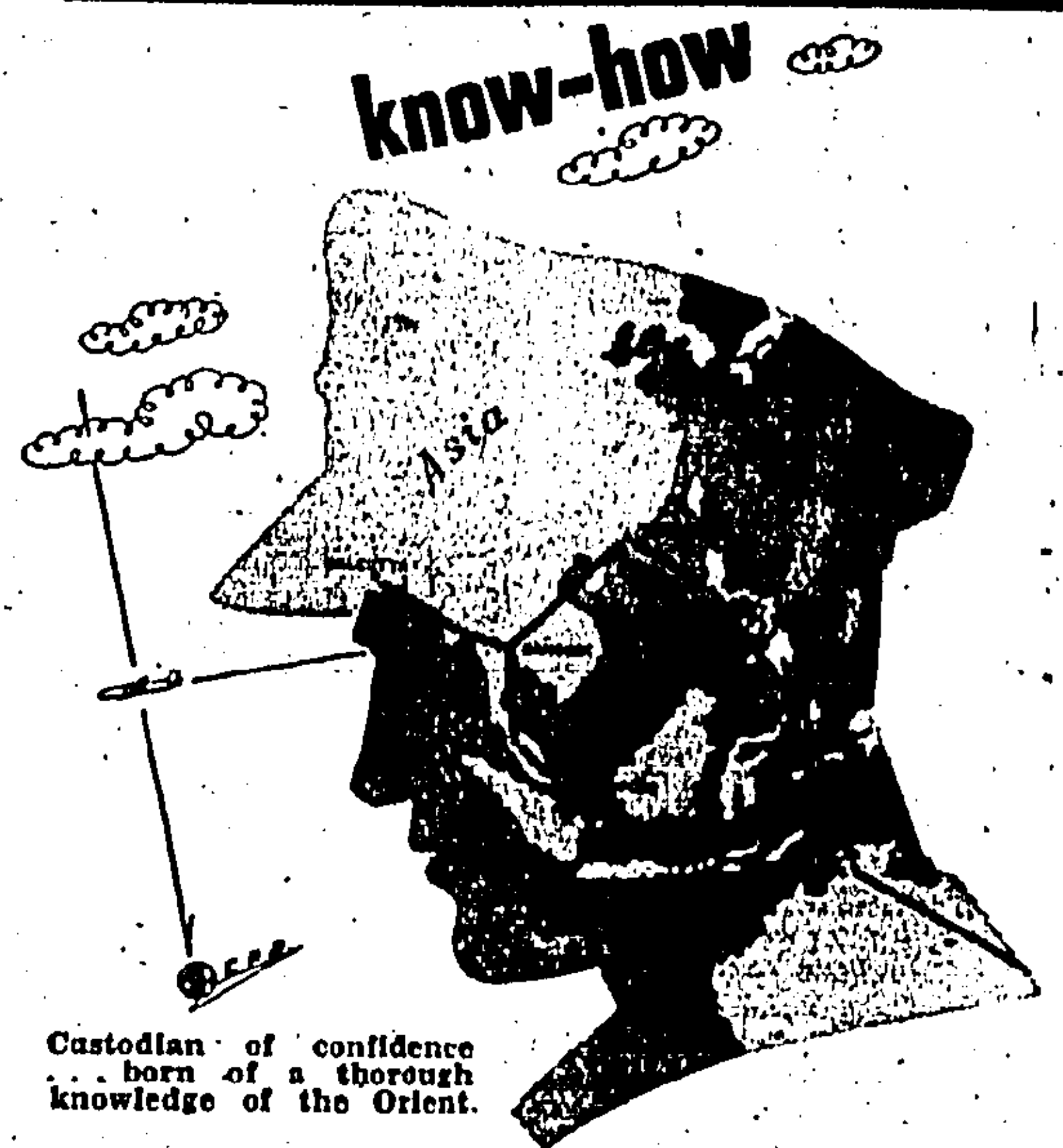
State Of War Terminated

Vienna, Sept. 16.
Calling on M. Leopold Figl, the Austrian Chancellor, Sir Henry Mack, the British Political Representative in Austria, today declared that the technical state of war between Austria and Great Britain had now ended, Austrian sources reported.

At the same time, Sir Henry Mack handed over a message from Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, expressing cordial greetings at the moment of resumption of full diplomatic relations between the two countries, and hoping that "by this gesture of goodwill the friendly relations already existing between the two countries will be strengthened."—Reuter.

CHINA DELEGATE

New York, Sept. 16.
General Shih-ming Chu arrived here by plane from London today for the United Nations General Assembly meeting. It was understood that Chu will take part actively in any questions regarding Japan come up during Assembly sessions.—United Press.



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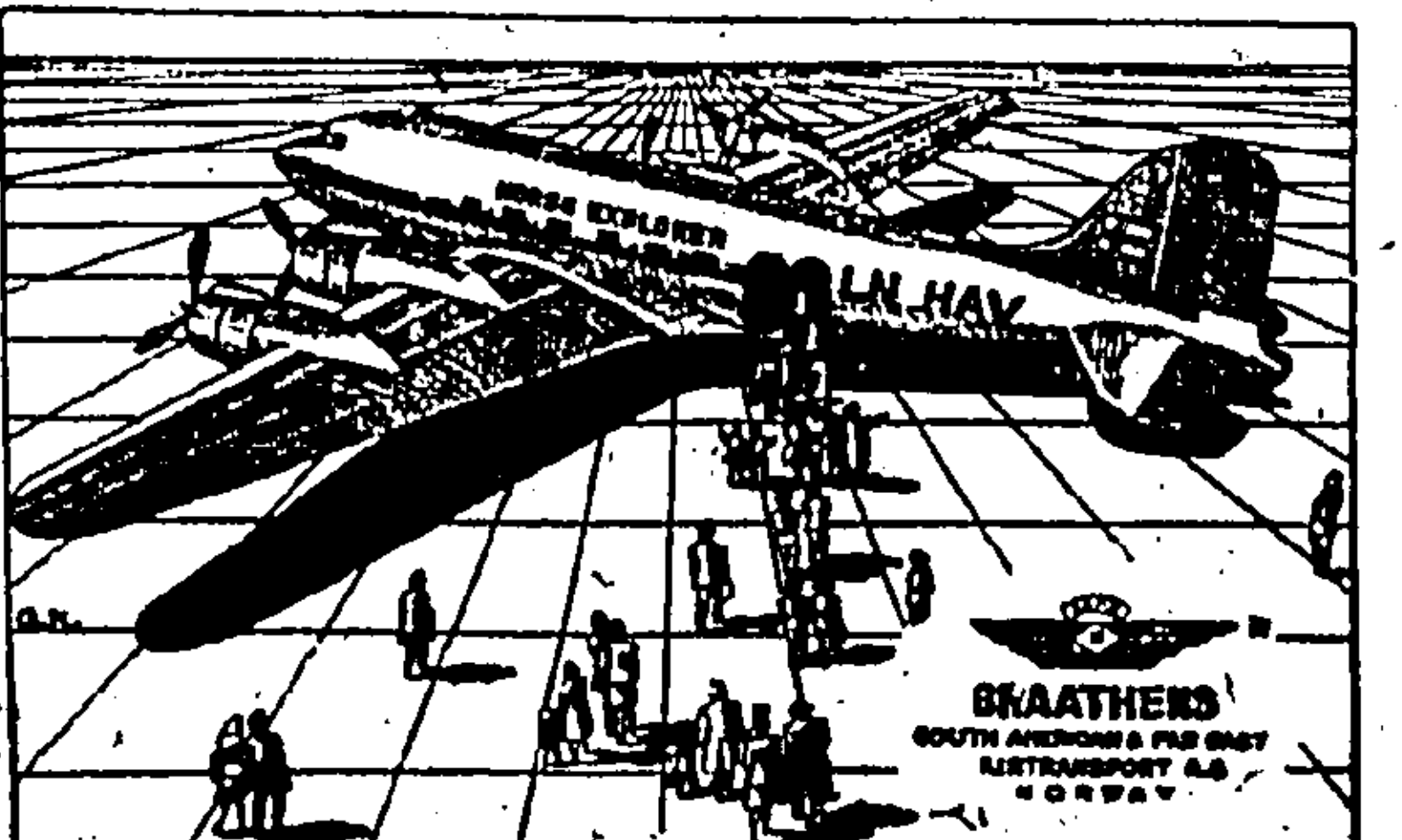
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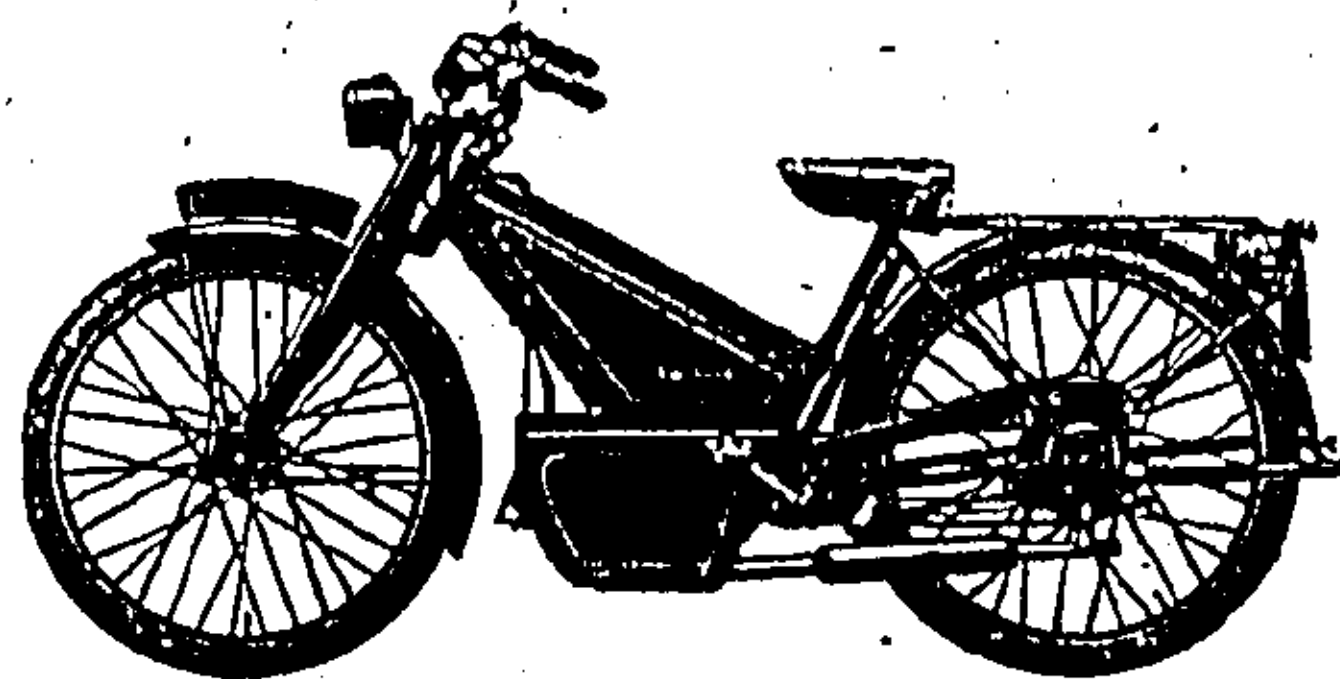


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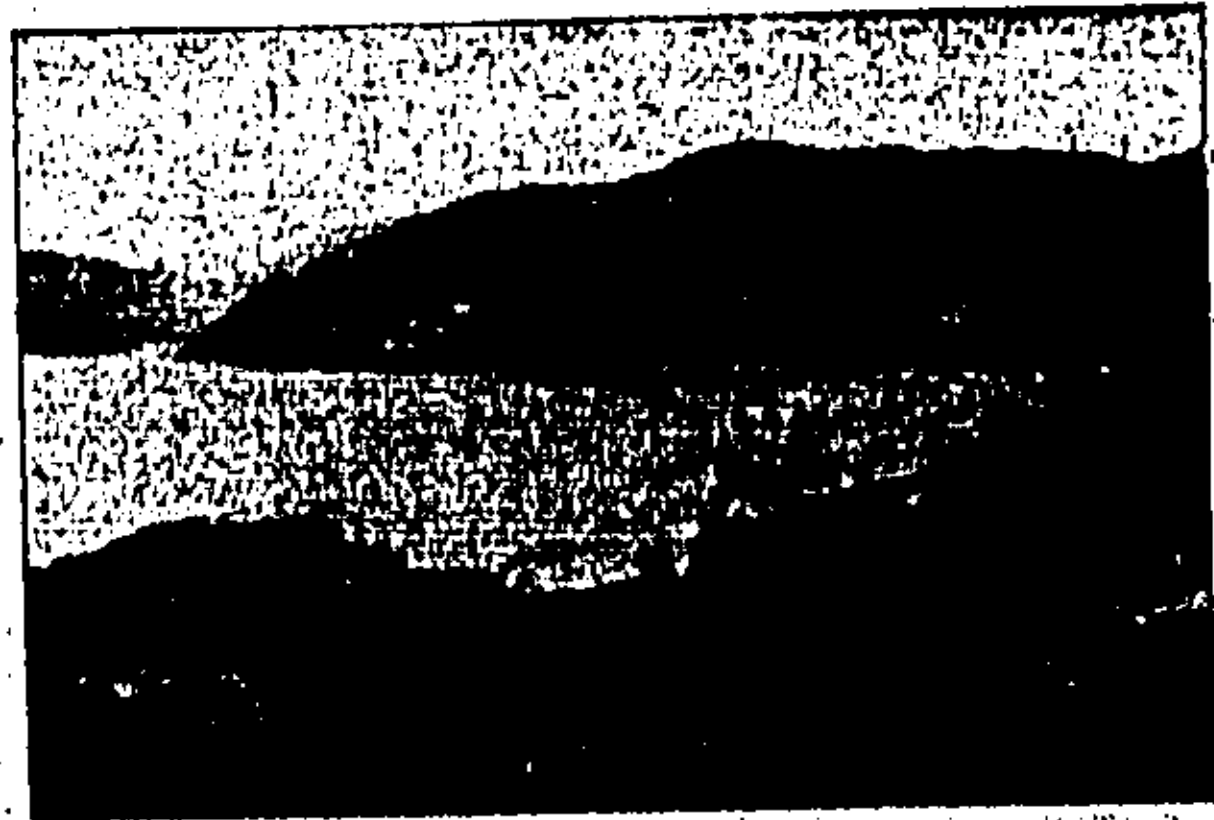
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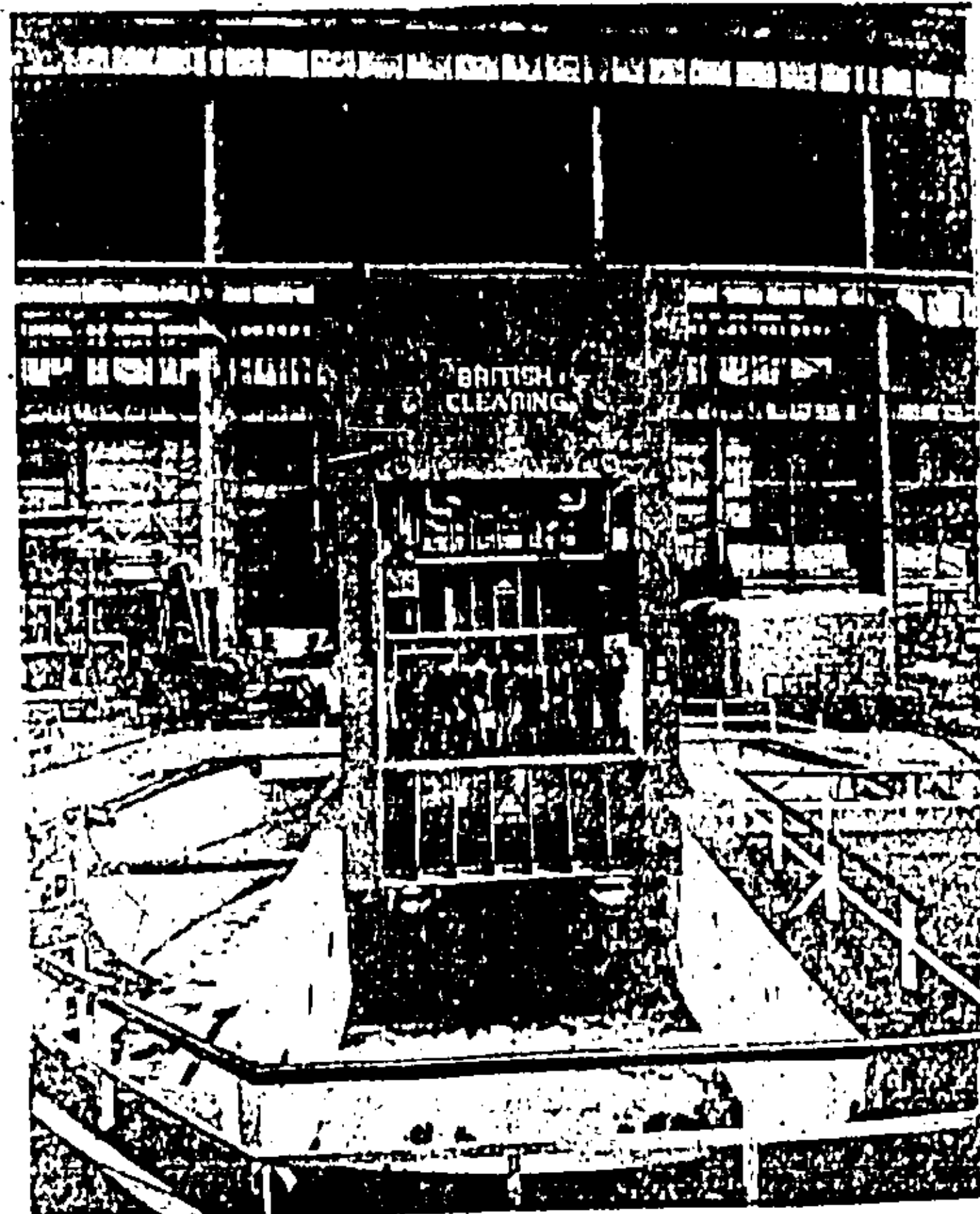
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This is a luxury set, built for hard and long use, with a powerful output and a high selectivity and sensitivity. Its special price in Hong Kong of \$1,250 is extremely low for a set which amateurs and professionals have long classed as being in the "Rolls-Royce" class of radio receivers. Local agents are China Traders Ltd.



A Mammoth machine with a "punch" of 1,500 tons, capable in one blow of stamping out the entire side or top of a motor car body, has just been completed at Newcastle. It is the largest press ever built in Great Britain.

This new engineering giant has been built by Vickers-Armstrongs for the Rootes Group, who are to install it to supplement the battery of presses already operating at the British Light Steel Pressings plant at Warple Way, Acton, London. Before the war, such equipment had to be bought from America or Germany. Now it is being made by Vickers at their Elswick Works, Newcastle. British engineers believe that this press is better than anything which previously had to be imported.

It weighs 350 tons. It can stamp out the side — including window apertures, — or the entire top of a car with one 1,500-ton thrust.

Triple Action

It is triple action — it can mould steel sheets either from above or below. Steel sheets can be pressed as fast as they can be loaded into the machine up to a maximum rate of four an hour. Yet it is so finely poised that it can be adjusted to crack the shell of an egg without spilling the contents.

The electric motors operating this press have a total power of only 140 horsepower. The colossal thrust comes from the impetus of flywheels, some of which weigh over 5 tons and revolve at 365 revolutions a minute.

It has push-button controls and engineering safeguards have been incorporated to prevent injury to workers. Recently Sir William Rootes (Chairman) and his brother, Sir Reginald Rootes (Deputy Chairman of the Rootes Group) visited the Elswick Works, Newcastle, with Commander Sir Robert Micklem (Chairman of Vickers-Armstrongs). A lunch was held with engineers and technicians to mark the completion of this press.

Sir William Rootes said: "It seems to me that 'Britain Can Not Only Make It' but that 'Britain Can Make It Big!' "Thanks to the initiative and technical resources of Vickers-Armstrongs, it is now possible for us to buy equipment of this calibre in Britain, made by British workmen to give other workmen employment, and to speed our export drive.

Our purchase of this press is part of our £3,000,000 plan, announced in 1945, for the post-war production of cars and commercial vehicles."

Unique Problems

Problems set by the transport of the press — and its installation at British Light Steel Pressings at Acton — have been almost unique.

The press will be dismantled as it will have to be carried by road transport. The head of the press alone weighs 67 tons, and a special route has had to be worked out of some 410 miles as compared with a direct route of 300. All traffic movements will have to be made at night, and the speed limit for the journey will be 5 m.p.h.

On arrival at Acton, it will take a full weekend to manoeuvre the press head alone into the factory and Warple Way will have to be closed to traffic.

British Light Steel Pressings have already excavated 1,800 tons of earth for the "pit" and the special concrete bed will weigh 480 tons. Forty feet of the press shop roof have had to be raised to accommodate the machine.

When in operation it will speed the production of Rootes Group car bodies.

STEEL PRODUCTION

Figures issued by the British Iron and Steel Federation for April show that the production of steel, ingots and castings, which fell from 12,470,000 tons a year in January to 10,190,000 tons in March owing to the fuel crisis, rose to 12,394,000 tons a year in April. But this output was achieved only by depleting the stocks of steel-making materials and can be maintained only if supplies of coking coal improve.

Under-Water Welding
Since 1915

The main function in this newly-developed process of under-water welding lies in the electrodes and their holders, the modern type being the result of extensive practical experience and research.

The first arc torch was developed about 1915 and produced in a wide variety of types and forms, but the results obtained were very poor in comparison with the oxy-hydrogen process. Consequently the arc process was only used on operations where non-ferrous metals had to be cut.

In the last few years, however, the same London company that made such rapid strides in under-water welding (Under Water Welders and Repairers Ltd.) have introduced elements into the cutting electrode and designed equipment which has proved the arc process to be as effective as the gas process.

When cutting beneath the surface of water with the arc process, the reverse effect of under-water welding has to be effected, and this is made possible by the use of the electric arc as a pre-heating medium and then directing a stream of oxygen on the pre-heated area to cause the metal to oxidise and burn away.

The electrical current may be taken from any standard direct current generator which is capable of a striking voltage between 60 and 90 volts and an amperage of 150-500 amperes. When cutting the electrode is negative and the work positive, and the current is fed to the torch by means of a 500 amp. capacity rubber flexible cable.

The oxygen is supplied from the usual type of cylinder to the correction on the torch through a "P.V.C." hose.

Six inch thick steel was cut at a speed of 2.14 feet per hour under ideal conditions using only 300 amperes, 90 volts open circuit with an oxygen pressure of 110 lb. per square inch. It was expected that this speed could be increased considerably using 500 amperes.

"Glide-O-Matic"
Electric Iron

The Century "Glide-O-Matic" electric iron, for which George Lin & Co. are local agents, is guaranteed by "Good Housekeeping" magazine.

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It provides 3 1/2 lb. of smooth ironing surface and has an extra large bevelled edge to enable it to glide under buttons, pleats and tucks. George Lin & Co. report they have "any quantity ready for shipment."

Very little information is available relating to the design of the earlier types of under-water cutting torches, which are often referred to as insulated holders.

Latest Type

The latest type of torch comprises two items, the main body and the head. The external part of the body is constructed of gun metal, the electrical conductors of a chrome copper alloy being insulated from the inside of the body by means of mica tubing.

The head, into which the cutting carbon is inserted, is detachable from the torch, which enables it to be replaced in the event of it becoming damaged by continuous rough usage or burning of contacts. Fitted to the inside of the head is a small spring-loaded ball valve the function of which is to prevent water from entering the main oxygen chamber when the oxygen is not flowing.

The oxy-arc process, being so simple in theory and practice, enables a skilled diver to be taught to cut through almost any thickness of metal with only a few days' training.

Having connected the positive lead to the work to provide the return of current to the source of supply, the carbon electrode is screwed into the head of the torch. The flow of oxygen is controlled by an electrically operated solenoid valve which is on the surface and comes into operation, allowing oxygen to flow, only when the arc is struck.

The signal to close the knife switch is given, allowing the current to flow and the arc is struck on the point where the cut is to be started. An extremely close arc is "drawn" and the oxygen jet applied.

Gaseous Shield

The heat caused by the arc, and the burning away of the copper plating and coating forms a gaseous shield which prevents the heat being conducted to the surrounding water and allowing the oxygen to oxidise and blow away the molten metal from the cut.

The pressure of oxygen required varies according to the thickness of metal to be cut and the depth of operation, and as mentioned previously, tables giving the average working pressures are generally supplied by the manufacturers of equipment.

In conclusion, it will be agreed that the under-water cutting of steel is as fundamentally simple as surface operations. The successful performance of these operations depends on obtaining a gaseous shield to protect the preheating medium and more on the physical abilities of the operator than the actual use of the equipment.

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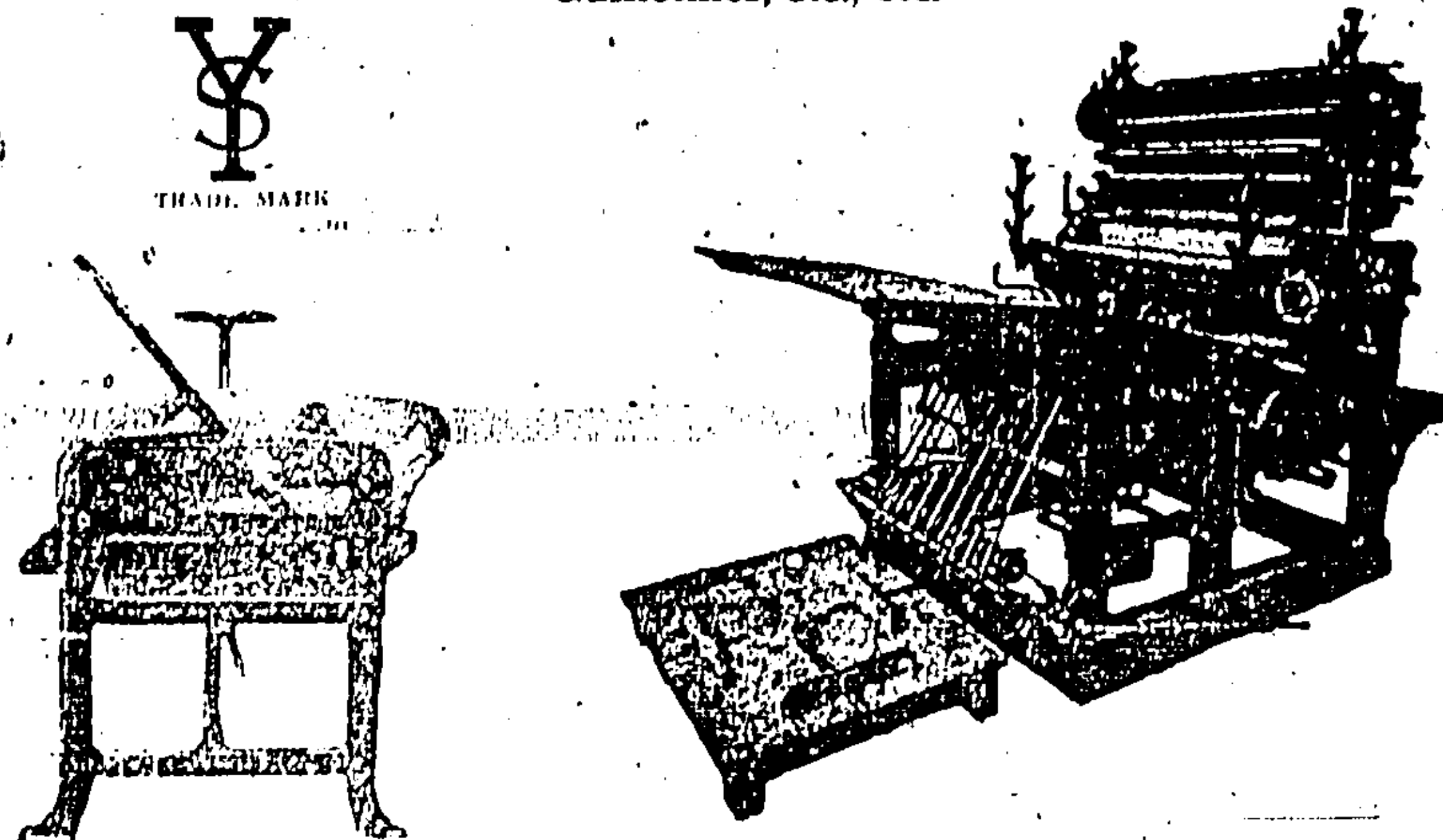
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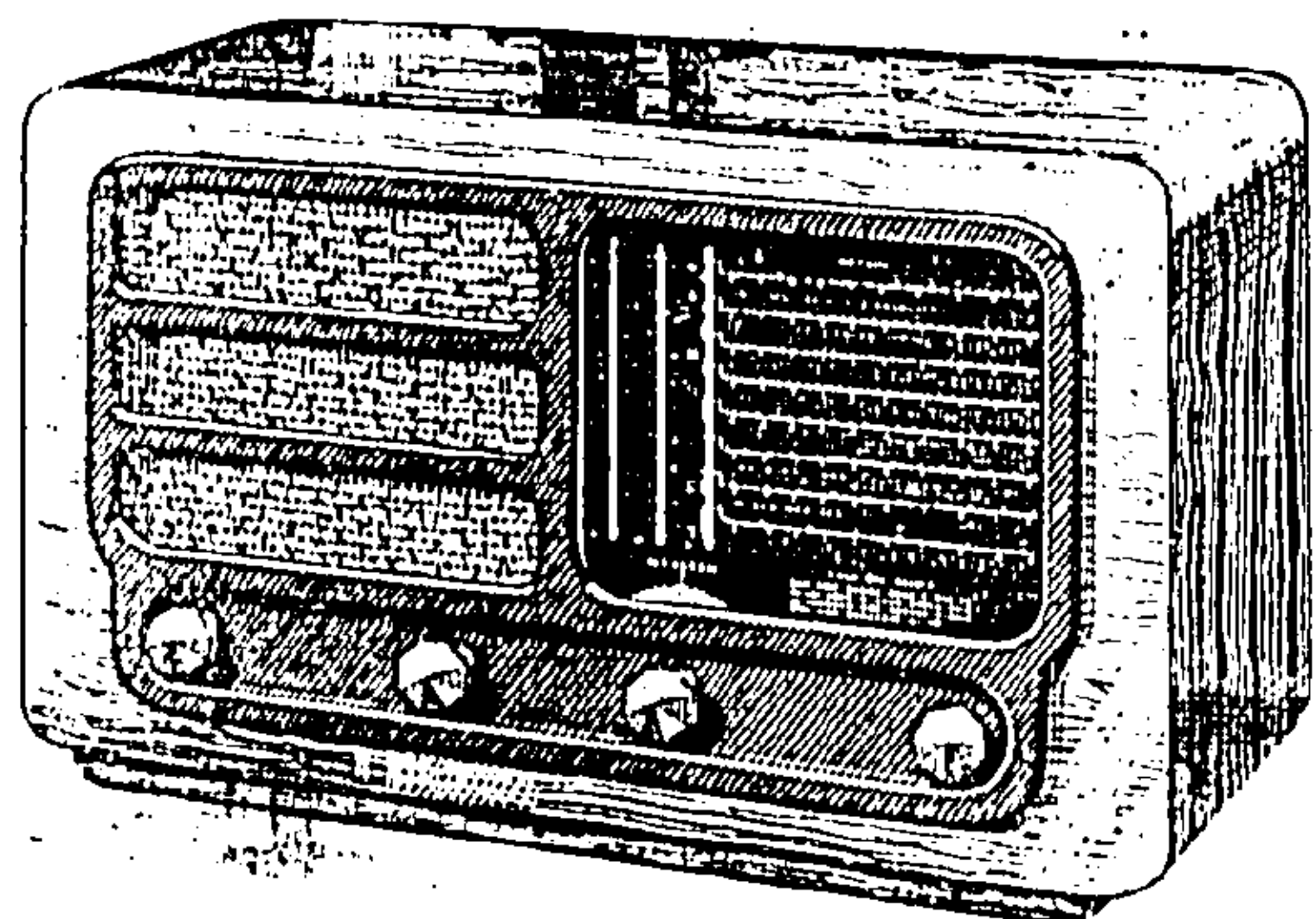
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A radio receiver which proved its worth in the searching test of war, the British-made "Ambassador" is now available in Hong Kong. Produced by R. N. Fitton Ltd., (one of Britain's leading radio manufacturers) in their works at Brighouse, Yorks., the "Ambassador" for 1947 has embodied in it all the features developed through the research and experience of the war years.

It is a 4-valve plus rectifier three-wave-band superhet receiver with automatic volume control and, of course, variable tone control. Superior electrical and mechanical construction, employing advanced technique, has gone into every stage of the set.

From the technical point of view, the set has a power output of 6 watts maximum at 7 per cent distortion; absolute sensitivity at 6 M/cx 20 uv; at 22 M/cx 15 uv; image response at 15 M/cx better than 20 db.

At present, in an Australian Walnut cabinet, tropically treated with bakelite escutcheon, the set has provision for a gramophone pickup as well as extension speaker sockets with switch.

Retailing at only \$360, it is probably the best "buy" in its price and range class on the market, incorporating as it does many features normally found only on much more expensive receivers.

For instance, a special feature is the "Extended Tuning Scale" of 100 deg. band-spread, to simplify the locating of short wave stations. This extended scale is divided into eight "Metre Bands" and all the principal short-wave stations are named and allocated a number between 0 and 99.

Philadelphia, for example, has a transmission in the 31-metre band. To tune this station, the listener adjusts the main pointer in the short-wave scale band to the 31-metre zone. Reading along the extended scale, he sees that the number allotted to Philadelphia is 20.5. He readjusts the main pointer until the rotating band spread dial reads 20.5—and at this point, providing it is on the air, he will receive the Philadelphia broadcast.

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"Paludrine"

"Paludrine," the only really effective synthetic anti-malaria remedy, is now being manufactured by Britain's Imperial Chemical Industries in such quantities that 100-tons can be exported annually. Just under two years ago production was nil. The three chemists, Dr. F.H.S. Curt, Dr. D.G. Davey and Mr. F.L. Rose, to whose joint research work the world is indebted for this wonder-drug, have been awarded the British Society of Apothecaries' Gold Medal.

By Frank Davis,
Of United Press

Within the short space of five years, ships larger than the "Queen Elizabeth" could cross the Atlantic faster using less than a teacupful of fuel.

Lloyd Trefethen, an American research engineer experimenting at Cambridge University, predicted recently that the most immediate promise in the application of atomic energy to industry was ship propulsion.

A uranium pile—capable of generating a million times as much heat as an equal weight in oil—replacing machinery and the tons of fuel used in oil-burning ships would form the new power plant.

In the application of the energy generated, however, the conventional ship's propelling unit would be utilized.

A fluid circulating through the uranium pile would pick up heat, emerge from the pile and be used to boil water. This in turn would form steam, the steam run a turbine and the turbine turn a screw which would drive the ship.

Trefethen said, however, that a chain reaction—so necessary in such a pile—will only occur when a definite amount of fissionable material, a critical mass, is present.

"Moderator" But by using uranium 235 in its natural deposits (which also includes uranium 238)—acting as a "moderator", an atomic pile can be built, although its weight—in the region of a thousand tons—precludes its immediate use in ships.

A "moderator" is any material useful to slow down neutrons so they will split other neutrons rather than penetrating them harmlessly, as do the fast-moving neutrons. Graphite blocks were used as moderators in all piles so far built. Heavy water could be used.

Therefore, a necessary reduction must be made in the weight of a ship's atomic pile. But this is only possible by using a smaller mass of a rich mixture containing a higher proportion of active fissionable material.

Scientists may be able to construct such a rich pile that the "moderator"—the cause of the vast weight—will no longer be needed.

Major Problem One of the major problems yet to be solved is the extraction of heat from the pile. Various methods have been attempted, including the circulation of water through the pile. Helium gas has also been tried, for helium absorbs heat and is not affected by the intense radioactivity inside the pile.

Once the heat energy has been extracted from the atomic pile, said Trefethen, the problems become a little less complicated. Steam will be used in the first atomic energy plants because the existing standard type of steam equipment is well known. Later the heat from the ship's atomic pile may be used to drive gas turbines operating on the same principles as those in jet-propelled aeroplanes.

Once the problem of propulsion has been overcome, there remains the question of protection for the crew from the deadly radiations. A shield of solid steel at least six feet thick, and weighing about 50 tons, must be placed between the pile—no matter how small—and the men.

Nautical Uses Obviously such a weight far exceeds that which could be carried by a plane or land transport. But as it is easily conveyed by even the smallest of cargo ships it therefore lends itself to the importance of the nautical uses of atomic energy.

Through the early design of atomic ships, experience may be acquired which will eventually lead to a smaller power unit capable of being installed in aeroplanes and locomotives.

One of the most difficult problems facing the atomic ship designer, said Trefethen, is the maintenance of the atomic pile and machinery. In the event of a breakdown, it would be unsafe for the ship's crew to enter the protective shield, even when the atomic pile is shut down, for radio-active by-products are always present.

This matter can, however, be tackled from several points, he said, (1) By the use of aluminium

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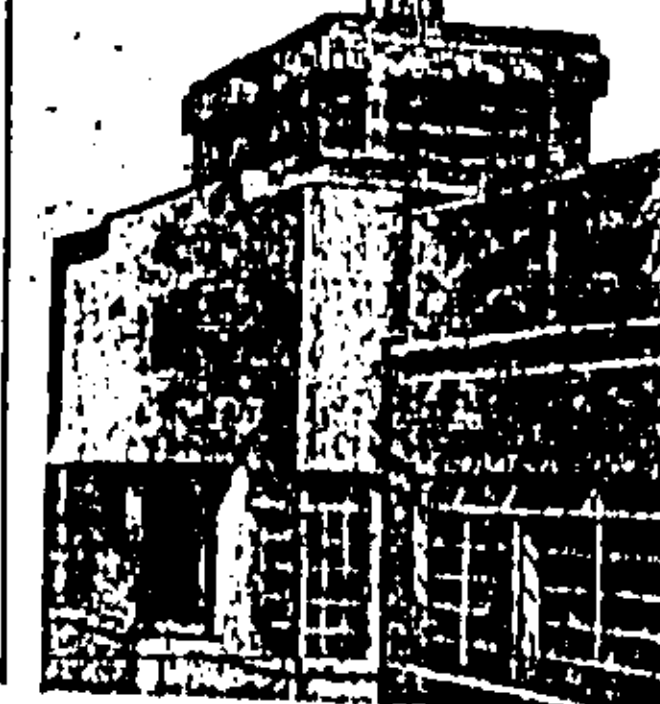
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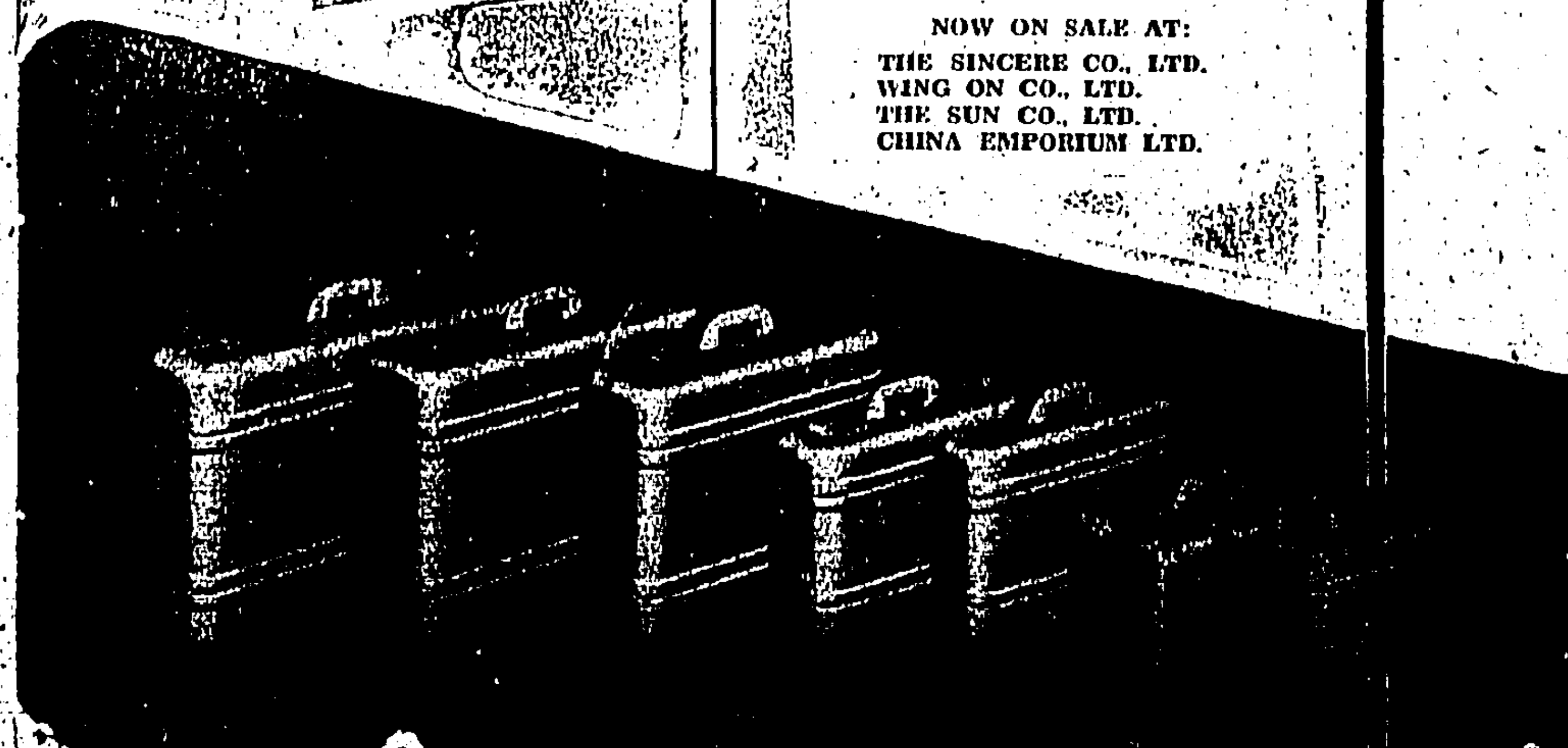
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ASIA TRADE PROSPECTS GLOOMY

New York, Sept. 16. Bernard G. Davis, president of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, who recently returned from a ten-weeks Far Eastern tour, concludes that trade prospects are so uniformly gloomy throughout the Orient that United States business men might just as well pack up and accompany the U.S. Army in the withdrawal.

Except for Siam, which he noted was the "one place in the Orient where Americans are genuinely welcomed," the Orient is an exceptionally poor investment risk, Mr. Davis said.

Writing in the September issue of "Banking" magazine, Mr. Davis says the "open door in China is closing." In Japan, "it is made extremely difficult for American businessmen to enter through the possibility of American enterprise in Japan is considered more promising in the immediate future than any other spot in the Orient."

As to the Philippines, they must currently be considered "with a strictly short-range approach."

Perhaps in China where in 1890 the doors were opened by John Hay in the hopes that 450,000,000 Chinese would receive "everything in modern technology and civilization can produce" prospects are gloomy.

The writer says, "after doing business for almost a century in one of the world's best markets, American businessmen find themselves discriminated against, handicapped, harassed."

He contends anti-foreign sentiment which applies toward the British, French and Dutch as well as the Americans is so strong that the liberal view of "exploitation" no longer applies.

He continues, "As a matter of fact, my impression today is that... whatever 'exploitation' exists is on the part of the Chinese toward foreigners."—United Press.

American Baseball

New York, Sept. 16. Brooklyn Dodgers won today and St. Louis Cardinals lost. Facing the Brooklyn team only four games away from the National League pennant. That is the number of Dodger victories plus Cardinal defeats needed to clinch the flag.

Gordon got four hits for Giants, including a homer, with two aboard and Cardinals dropped their fourth straight game.

Today's scores were:

National

New York Giants 7 12 0
St. Louis Cardinals 2 7 1

Brooklyn Dodgers 7 6 0
Cincinnati Reds 3 12 2

Philadelphia Phillies 2 6 0
Pittsburgh Pirates 1 9 2

American

Cleveland Indians 5 5 1
Philadelphia Athletics 3 11 0

Cleveland Indians (2nd game) 3 7 0
Philadelphia Athletics 7 8 1

St. Louis Browns 3 8 1
New York Yankees 8 14 2

St. Louis Browns (2nd game) 8 13 1
New York Yankees 2 10 2

Chicago White Sox 0 6 2
Boston Red Sox 5 13 0

Chicago White Sox (2nd game) 8 12 0
Boston Red Sox 3 11 0

—United Press.

South China Play In Singapore

Singapore, Sept. 17. The South China football team of Hong Kong today drew with a Singapore combined team, one goal all, in the last game of their tour.

Lee Shek Yao, South China left-winger, opened the scoring in the third minute. Then in the 20th minute a penalty was awarded to Singapore, which Moore took and scored.

The second half was goalless. Twenty thousand spectators watched the game at the Jalan Besar Stadium.—Reuter.

Japs Claim To Fight For Chiang

Peiping, Sept. 17. Japanese repatriates, including 235 war prisoners, arrived in Tientsin today from Shansi en route to Japan.

The repatriates said Japanese troops last year shared in the Nationalist defence of Tientsin against the Communists.

Meanwhile, a Shanghai report says a strong Nationalist counter-offensive is reported today to be mounting along a 100-mile front in East Anhwei Province against one-eyed Communist General Liu Po-cheng.

Government troops stormed into Shueicheng, 100 miles north of the provincial capital, and the major Yangtze port of Anking. Pro-Government sources said severe street fighting is raging.

On the left flank Nationalist troops were also reported to have scored a success when they recaptured Yucheng, 40 miles north-west of Yucheng.

In Nanking, Information Director Hollington Tong reviewing the war situation at a news conference today said events of the next few weeks "will show clearly if the Government and the Communist rebels that have the initiative in the fighting."

Asked to specify "events," Tong asserted the Communists would suffer "serious defeats in the near future."

Tong made a blunt prediction of Government success, after pointing out that Communist propaganda in the past few weeks (and Gen. Liu Po-cheng's activities) had created an impression that the Reds were gaining strength in the war against the Government.—Associated Press.

Washington, Sept. 17. Officials of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration today told the United Press that UNRRA's eight-nation Central Committee voted to postpone until late in October its decision on whether the UNRRA programme in China will end at the close of this year as originally expected or will continue for a few more months.—United Press.

London, Sept. 16. The results of football games played tonight were:

Third Division: Northern: Oldham Athletic 0 Hartlepool 2. Irish League: Gold Cup final: Belfast Celtic 2 Distillery 0. Rugby Union: Redruth 0 Swansea 9.

Rugby League: Yorkshire Cup, first round, second leg: Batley 3 Hull 6 (Batley eliminated). Kelso 5 Hunslet 13 (Hunslet eliminated).—Reuter.

Leicester, Sept. 16. Riding Mrs. Gwyn, a five to four favourite, in a desperate finish to win the Regworth Nursery Handicap Plate at Leicester today by a head, Gordon Richards' champion jockey scored his 100th victory of the season.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 16. The close of play scores in the last first-class cricket match of the season at Kennington Oval were:

Middlesex 548 for nine declared. The Rest 246 (Emmett 89, Evans 70, Gray four for 47, Compton four for 57) and 309 for eight (Yardley 71, Washbrook 61).—Reuter.

London, Sept. 16. The stymie rule in golf is neither to be altered or abolished. This was decided at the autumn business meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews today.

The meeting, arrived at this decision after consideration of the replies from the Dominion golf authorities, the Joint Advisory Council and the Golf Unions in this country, which had been requested to express their views.

It was announced that the Rules of Golf Committee were now engaged in revising and redrafting the rules of golf and the committee considered the proposals together with the rules for both match and medal play by the Americans.—Reuter.

Aboard The Lugger



There's no need to get the girl aboard the lugger in U.S. apparently she takes herself. This is Jean Kampf, expert U.S. yachtswoman, somewhere off Florida.

Cobb Says He Didn't Hit Top

Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, Sept. 17.

The British speedster, John Cobb, said today that his 7,700-lb. Railton Mobil racer did not hit its top speed in Tuesday's record-breaking dash, even though on one run he exceeded the dreamed-of 400 miles per hour pace.

Cobb revealed that a rough spot in the salt course forced him to depress the clutch when the car was still gaining speed just before entering the measured mile for the run clocked at 403.135 miles per hour.

He figured that at one time during the north-bound run he was travelling at between 410 and 415 miles per hour.

However, Cobb said he does not plan any additional record attempts for the present, saying he must return to his fur business in England.—United Press.

Marshall Makes Dramatic Appeal

(Continued from Page 1)

"The United States representatives have insisted that any settlement to the Korean problem must in no way infringe on the fundamental democratic right of freedom of opinion. That still is the position of my Government."

"Today, the independence of Korea is divided at the 38th parallel with Soviet troops in the industrial north and United States forces in the agricultural south."

"There is little or no exchange of goods or services between the two zones. Korea's economy is thus crippled."

Addressing the Assembly, Gen. Marshall said: "The situation we face today may be summarised by the statement that, more than two years after the end of the war, the fruits of peace and victory are still beyond our grasp."

"Men look anxiously toward the future wondering whether a new and more terrible conflict will engulf them."

"We have not yet succeeded in establishing a basis for peace with Germany and Japan, nor have we restored Austria as an independent state."

"Reconstruction lags everywhere. The basic requirements of life are scarce. There is a desperate need throughout great areas."

"In place of peace, liberty and economic security we find menace, repression and dire want."

"A supreme effort is required from us all if we are to succeed in breaking through the vicious circle of dangerous political and economic crisis."

"That is why the United States placed on the agenda of this Assembly the question of threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece."

"One permanent member of the Security Council has three times vetoed efforts of the Council to deal with the situation. This Assembly cannot stand by as a mere spectator while a member of the United Nations is endangered by attacks from abroad."

"If the United Nations should fail to protect the integrity of one small state the security of all small states would be placed in jeopardy."

"The inability of the Security Council to take effective action in this case, passes the grave responsibility of the General Assembly. I am confident the General Assembly will not fail to meet this responsibility."

"I must do so if the organization is to carry out its fundamental purposes."

"The United States delegation will therefore, call upon Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia to cease their aggression against Greece."

"I am proposing today that this Assembly proceed at this session to create a standing committee of the General Assembly which might be known as an interim committee on peace and security to serve until the beginning of its third regular session next September."

"The committee would not, of course, impinge on matters which are the primary responsibility of the Security Council or of the special commission, but subject to that it might consider situations and disputes impairing friendly relations brought to its attention by member states or by the Security Council pursuant to Articles 11 and 14 of the Charter and report to the Assembly or to the Security Council thereon."

"The United Nations will never endure if there is insistence on privilege to the point of frustration of the collective will of the Government of the United States believes that the surest foundation for permanent peace lies in the extension of benefits and restraints of the rule of law to all peoples and to all Governments."

"This is the heart of the Charter and the structure of the United Nations. It is the best hope of mankind," said Marshall.

U.S. AGAIN HITS AT IMPERIAL PREFERENCES

Geneva, Sept. 16.

The United States request to Commonwealth countries for concessions on Imperial preferences, presented yesterday, included demands for total elimination of preferences for some hundred items and reduction of preferential margins by up to 50 per cent for another hundred items, the United Press learned from informed British sources today.

The demand has come as a "shock" to the whole Commonwealth group and to the United Kingdom in particular. The request is described as "fantastic" and "out of proportion."

The United Kingdom delegation has cabled details of the United States request to London and has requested further instructions since the request exceeds by far the delegation's powers to negotiate. The Dominion delegations have also consulted their Governments.

British sources take a gloomy view of the possibility of compromise and fear danger to the conference unless there is readiness on the United States side to reduce the demands. They hint that the United States attitude at Geneva has undergone changes in the past week and has stiffened suddenly, but are unable to see the reasons for the change.

Without prejudicing the official reply from London, British delegates said it was difficult to see how the United States request could be met without serious consequences to United Kingdom economy. They claimed that never in five months of negotiations in Geneva had the United States made such far-reaching demands on Britain.—United Press.

"World" Police For Greece?

New York, Sept. 16.

A United States plan, which may result in an international police force to protect Greece against Balkan aggression, has been prepared for submission to the United Nations General Assembly.

It suggests a defence treaty to which a number of states could adhere, to be backed by the collective armed forces of the signatory powers. This would supplement the United Nations Charter, it was stated.

The signatories would make available the required number of military divisions and equipment to implement the decisions authorised by a two-thirds majority of the signatory states.

The treaty would be open to signature by any of all of the United Nations, including the Soviet Union, but would come into immediate operation whether the Soviet Union or the states associated with her signed it or not.—Reuter.

BROWN "CHOW" DIDN'T MEAN HARD CASH

Tsai Kwong-chi, 26, lived next door to Sin Wah-hing, 34-year-old married woman, who possessed a brown "Chow" dog which Tsai thought could be converted into cold cash for his own benefit.

At 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Tsai and his friend Chau Lam (60) were seen by Chinese detective 1408 walking in Portland Street. Chau was leading a dog along with a piece of straw.

The detective asked where they got the dog from. Tsai and Chau both replied "from a friend" and took the detective to 321 Shanghai Street.

On the staircase, the party met Sin, who recognised the dog as her pet. She got her dog back, and the detective took Chau and Tsai to the Police Station. At Kowloon yesterday Mr. W. H. Latimer awarded six weeks' hard labour to Chau and two weeks to Tsai.

Queen Wilhelmina's Speech From Throne

The Hague, Sept. 16.

Queen Wilhelmina, unable because of illness to appear personally at the opening of Parliament for the first time in her reign, today expressed regret in her speech from the Throne that "police action" in Indonesia had been necessary and announced a forthcoming round table conference of Dutch Empire nations.

In an address, read by Premier Louis Beel to both Houses, the Queen pointed out that the international situation remained "disturbed, with peace talks on Japan in the preliminary stage and no definite solution yet advanced for the German question."

She added that the nation's financial position was "disturbed" and that the Dutch armed forces, which was regarded as a hint that the Dutch would not participate in the occupation of Germany.

Referring almost immediately to the Indonesian question, the Queen said it was disappointing that relations with the Dutch state had developed unfavourably.

Authority in Indonesia would be transferred to civil officials as soon as the situation would allow, she said, adding that when the new form of the Dutch Empire was approved, representatives from Surinam, the Dutch Antilles and the mother country would be consulted.—United Press.

LA GUARDIA COLLAPSES

New York, Sept. 17. Fidelfo La Guardia, 64, whose colorful career has included 12 years as New York City's mayor, collapsed on Tuesday night at his home and remained unconscious today.—Associated Press.

IN THE SOUP

Chan Sur Ng was in the soup yesterday for stealing Government soup plates (yandey) from Lifting Craft 28 at Yuen On Wharf. Seen when leaving the ship with a basket, Ng was stopped by a police constable who searched the basket and found the plates.

Strachey Softsoaps Argentine

London, Sept. 16. The Minister of Food, John Strachey, told a press conference today that Argentina was "perfectly right" in seeking an agreement with England over the convertibility of sterling and gave his opinion that some mutually beneficial agreement would be worked out.

Strachey did not believe it likely that the ban on the shipment of frozen meat from Argentina would be extended to a complete embargo on all meat.

He denounced British press use of the words "black jack" and "blackmail" in describing Argentina's act in banning canned meat shipments.

He implied that negotiations were proceeding on the diplomatic level to reach a settlement on the sterling question in Argentina and several other countries similarly affected.

"Argentina is one of our most important sources of food but she is not the only country with which we have a sterling problem," said Mr. Strachey.

"The fact that we haven't announced it does not mean negotiations are not going on all the time to reach an agreement with Argentina."

He said he knew nothing of a report in the "Daily Express" today that British refrigerator ships in Buenos Aires harbour might be seized if they did not pay their charges in dollars or convertible sterling.

The Express gave a front-page prominence to a story that the Argentine Economic Director, Miranda, refused sterling payments by the ships' captains.

The Royal Mail Line, which has three ships in Buenos Aires—Darryl Durango and Highland Chieftain—brought the United Press story and said the facts were known.—United Press.

Football Play Postponed

The heavy rain which fell shortly after 4 p.m., rendered the Club ground unfit for play and all games in the Seven-sided Football Competition arranged for yesterday were postponed.

Yesterday's games will be played this afternoon and club representatives are requested to note the times if the kick-off.

The following is today's programme:

Referee: Mr. C.T. Tunstall. Devons "A" v R.A.F. "B" (4.25 p.m.)

Referee: Mr. Willis. Inishilling v Kitchee (4.25 p.m.)

Referee: L.G. Young. Sing Tao v Royal Navy "E" (5.15 p.m.)

Referee: Mr. R.M. Omar. Eastern "A" v Royal Navy "D" (5.40 p.m.)

Referee: Mr. Farmer. Club "C" v Signals (6.05 p.m.)

Referee: Mr. E.J. Nichols. Eastern "B" v Kwong Wah (6.30 p.m.)

Referee: Mr. F.H. Bullock. South China "B" v Chinese A.A. (6.45 p.m.)

Referee: S.O. Elsie.

LAWN BOWLS

The following have been selected to represent the K.B.C.C. in a friendly bowl match against Prison Officers Club at Stanley on Sunday. Players to meet at Blake Pier at 3.10 p.m.

E.F. Pops, E.A. Atkins, R. Morrison and S. Randle (skip). E. Greenwood, L.G. Coombes, J. Fraser and A.H. Hall (skip). H.A. (Lamert), H.F. Shields, J. G. Meyer and J.W.M. Dickson (skip). R.P. Phillips, G.E.F. Thompson, L. Newton and J.F. McDowall (skip).

Middlesex Bents "Rest"

London, Sept. 17. At the Kensington Oval today, Middlesex, the champion county, bent the Rest by nine wickets.

Middlesex scored 543 for nine wickets declared in the first innings and 61 for one in the second while the Rest made 240 and 317 respectively.—Reuter.